

HILLIARD CITY SCHOOLS

Hilliard Marine-Ecosystems Students Spend Day Immersed in Learning at City Pond – Columbus Dispatch

- The out-of-classroom experience wasn't just an opportunity to learn. It also will provide valuable information to city officials, who plan to install educational signs in the park to teach visitors about the creatures living in it

NORTHRIDGE LOCAL SCHOOLS

Voters in Five of Eight Central Ohio School Districts Approve Tax Issues – Columbus Dispatch

- The fourth time was not a charm for Northridge schools, as voters again rejected an income tax and bond issue to pay for a new elementary school and updates to other buildings

Northridge Levy Loses by Less Than 70 Votes – Newark Advocate

- Voters in the Northridge Local School District rejected the district's latest attempt at a levy for a new elementary school by less than 70 votes

OLENTANGY LOCAL SCHOOLS

Donors Able to Salvage DC Sojourn – This Week

- Briefly threatened by a travel company's apparent shutdown, a "rite of passage" for hundreds of Olentangy middle school students is back on after donors came through

REYNOLDSBURG CITY SCHOOLS

Superintendent Will Seek Advice from RHS Students – This Week

- Superintendent Melvin Brown is sifting through more than 30 applications to find 14 Reynoldsburg High School students who will be members of his new student advisory council

SOUTH-WESTERN CITY SCHOOLS

Dinner Is Served, Along with Grades – This Week

- Although the weekend was looming, the culinary-arts program's kitchen was full of activity April 27 at the South-Western Career Academy. As a senior capstone project, students in the program planned, prepared and served dinner for the Grove City Chamber Foundation's annual fundraiser held April 27

WORTHINGTON CITY SCHOOLS

Another School Year Almost Is in the Books – This Week It's Worth It

- Trent Bowers, superintendent of Worthington City Schools, writes that it is hard to believe, but they are in their final weeks of the school year

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Ohio School Finance & Budget

Ohioans Approved 68% of School Levies in Tuesday's Election – Columbus Dispatch

- Statewide, voters approved 68 percent of the school levies on the primary ballot, passing 63 of 92 tax requests, according to unofficial results compiled by the Ohio School Boards Association

Most School Levies Pass – Hannah

- Ohio school districts saw a large majority of funding issues on the Tuesday ballot pass, though the success rate was slightly lower than in the last primary election

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Ohio Education & Public Policy

Beagle Announces Week of Events Highlighting Ohio's 'In-Demand Jobs' – Hannah

- In collaboration with the Ohio Department of Education, Department of Higher Education and the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation, Ohio's major industries are creating a statewide strategic workforce plan to bolster project-based learning and develop professional development programs that address how to build authentic, real-world learning into the curriculum

Fordham Suggests Rules for Online Charters – Hannah

- Lawmakers should consider new rules for funding, enrollment and oversight of online charter schools, a Fordham Institute official wrote Monday, citing the Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow (ECOT) saga

Mike DeWine and Richard Cordray Face Off to Replace Gov. John Kasich – Columbus Dispatch

- After millions of dollars and months of campaigning, the primary election contests for Ohio governor still produced the expected: a fall showdown between the establishment favorites

Ohioans Approve New Process to Draw Congressional Districts – Columbus Dispatch

- Ohioans overwhelmingly voted to revamp the process for drawing congressional districts, holding the promise that the next map will feature less gerrymandering by politicians and more fairness for voters.

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Ohio Schools

Aging Buildings Dot Ohio School Districts That Can't Afford New Construction, Leaving State Money Behind – Columbus Dispatch

- The construction of shiny, new K-12 educational facilities throughout Ohio is generally viewed as one of the showpieces stemming from the state's long-running dispute over how to fund more than 600 school districts. But scattered across the Buckeye State are little-noticed districts that the building program has bypassed. Thousands of students attend classes in buildings that are woefully outdated with little prospect for improvement because the opportunity for much-needed state funding has lapsed

One Ohio School's Quest to Rethink Bad Behavior – The Atlantic

- Rather than enforcing a top-down mandate, the school trains teachers in the science behind trauma and leaves the rest up to them

Best High Schools Rankings: Ohio High Schools – US News & World Report

- Of the numerous Ohio schools ranked in 2018 among the U.S. News Best High Schools, 19 were awarded gold medals, 111 earned silver medals and 183 received bronze medals

Pathway to Success: Scioto Elementary Academy Focuses on Meeting the Needs of Its Rural Community – Fordham Institute

- This profile of the staff, students, and families of one of these schools—Scioto Elementary Academy—will show you an entirely new view of what charters can do to meet the needs of their communities, and why we need more of them in rural areas

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Ohio Reports

Child Care and Development Fund Plan for Ohio FFY 2019-2021 (Draft) -- ODJFS

- The Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) program provides resources to state, territory, and tribal grantees that enable low-income parents to work

or pursue education and training so that they can better support their families while at the same time promoting the learning and development of their children. The CCDF program also provides funding to enhance the quality of child care for all children

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NATIONAL/WORLD

Federal & US Department of Education

Melania Trump Lays Out First Lady Agenda: 'Be Best' Agenda to Safeguard Well-Being of Kids – USA Today

- Nearly one year after she arrived at the White House and 16 months after the Trump administration took office, first lady Melania Trump on Monday announced her agenda to improve the well-being of children, a campaign she calls "Be Best"

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Education Policy & Finance

Can Weak Unions Get Teachers More Money? – New York Times

- Strong unions tend to be effective at securing gains for workers. Weak unions often shortchange the rank and file. The data show that workers in heavily unionized areas earn a significant premium over workers in lightly unionized areas

Strategic Teacher Compensation Databurst – National Council on Teacher Quality

- NCTQ's Strategic Teacher Compensation Databurst, a study of states' strategic teacher compensation policies which includes a snapshot of all 50 states' and the District of Columbia's teacher compensation policies as they relate to providing additional compensation for effective teacher performance, teaching in high-need schools and subjects, and relevant, prior non-teaching work experience

The Teachers Are Winning. What Does It Mean for the Profession? – EdWeek

- The extraordinary wave of teacher strikes highlights these crucial but often forgotten facts: In number, teachers are the largest profession in the United

States. And collectively, they have the power to demand and win changes to funding and salaries

ESSA: Which States Are Eschewing School Grades? – EdWeek

- At least 10 states have plans to create some kind of accountability "dashboard." Dashboards consider school performance on a host of factors—test scores, test participation, school climate, graduation rates—but don't give an overall score to a school

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Standards & Assessments

School Supports for Teachers' Implementation of State Standards – RAND Corporation

- Our findings imply that states and districts should try to do more to ensure that the materials they recommend or require are closely aligned with their standards as well as provide clear information about the materials that are most closely aligned with their standards. On a related note, our findings imply that school leaders need more training and support to better understand content and approaches aligned with their state standards

Online State Testing in 2018: Mostly Smooth, With One Glaring Exception – EdWeek

- Despite the meltdown in Tennessee and smaller issues in a handful of other states, assessment experts say the nation's K-12 schools mostly seem to be getting the hang of how to administer online tests to millions of students each year

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School Choice

Do Impacts on Test Scores Even Matter? Lessons from Long-Run Outcomes in School Choice Research – AEI

- This review is one of the most thorough ever done of the school choice literature. We review every known study that contains participant-effect estimates for both student achievement and attainment. We exclude studies that look only at achievement scores. We take a simple analytical approach. We collapse findings into four categories: significantly positive, insignificantly positive, insignificantly negative, and significantly negative. We then map achievement findings against attainment findings

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Personalized Learning Frameworks

From Vision to Reality: Personalized, Competency-Based Learning for All Kids – KnowledgeWorks

- From Vision to Reality: Personalized, Competency-Based Learning for All Kids is designed to help school districts take steps toward personalized, competency-based learning, and equip leaders with the following support to do this critical work

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Dropout Prevention & Re-Engaging Youth

Can a Few Simple Letters Home Reduce Chronic Absenteeism? New Research Shows They Can – The 74

- When parents are given accurate information about their children's absences, new research shows, they can become valuable players in making sure their kids show up at school. The study, published in Nature Human Behaviour, found that sending parents mail multiple times over a school year informing them how many times their child had missed class reduced chronic absenteeism by 10 percent

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Special Education

Standards for Teaching American Sign Language Released – EdWeek

- New standards for teaching American Sign Language in kindergarten through 12th grade have been released by Gallaudet University's Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center

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School Safety & Discipline

Corporal Punishment and Preschoolers: What New Federal Data Show – EdWeek

- The U.S. Department of Education for the first time is requiring schools to report on whether they paddled or spanked preschool students. White, black, and American-Indian children were spanked or paddled out of proportion to their enrollment in the overall preschool population

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Early Learning

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Career- and Postsecondary-Readiness

Rethinking Dual Enrollment to Reach More Students – ECS

- A substantial and growing body of research indicates that, all other factors being equal, students who dually enroll are more likely than their non-dually enrolling peers to finish high school, matriculate in a postsecondary institution and experience greater postsecondary success.¹ Spurred by this, states are increasingly viewing dual enrollment as a strategy to promote postsecondary attainment and workforce readiness, and taking steps to broaden student access to dual enrollment coursework

Dual Enrollment: Don't Restrict It to High-Achieving Students – EdWeek

- Many states make it tough for anyone but high-achieving students to take dual-enrollment courses. It's high time for states to break down those barriers and let more students get access to those college-level courses, a new report argues

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Postsecondary & Workforce Development

Focus on the Finish Line – Inside Higher Ed

- A new analysis sheds light on the need to help students who are 75 percent of the way toward a degree but are at risk of dropping out

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Leadership

Public School Principals= 1? Perceptions of Influence by School Level and Community Type – USDOE/IES/NCES

- This report describes public school principals' perceptions of their influence on establishing curriculum and decisions concerning the budget at their school

Report: Average Superintendent Tenure about 6 Years – Education Dive

- A new report from The Broad Center, "Hire Expectations: Big-district superintendents stay in their jobs longer than we think," examined data from the nation's 100 largest school districts over 15 years to find that the average superintendent's tenure is actually about six years, as opposed to the commonly cited three

Hire Expectations: Big District Superintendents Stay in Their Jobs Longer than We Think – The Broad Center

- In this brief, we will review the findings from an analysis of the 100 largest school districts over a 15-year period, beginning in 2003. To be sure, there is much more to understand about big-district superintendencies and their duration than what we offer in this brief

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Ohio Legislation Update

(Recent bill action in RED. Signed into law by Governor in GREEN.)

HOUSE

HB3 DATAOHIO BOARD CREATION (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Christina Hagan) To create the DataOhio Board, to specify requirements for posting public records online, to require the Auditor of State to adopt rules regarding a uniform accounting system for public offices, to establish an online catalog of public data at data.Ohio.gov, to establish the Local Government Information Exchange Grant Program, and to make appropriations

STATUS: House Finance Committee – Reported out

HB8 PUBLIC RECORDS-MINORS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To exempt from the Public Records Law certain information concerning a minor that is included in a record related to a traffic accident involving a school vehicle in which the minor was an occupant at the time of the accident

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Local Government, Public Safety & Veterans Affairs Committee – Reported out

HB14AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION (Rep. Kathleen Clyde) To require that eligible persons in certain government and school databases be automatically registered to vote or have their registrations updated automatically unless those persons decline and to expand how a voter may register or update their registration through the online voter registration system

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB21COMMUNITY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION (Rep. Steve Hambley) Regarding verification of community school enrollments

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee

HB24VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS-TAX EXEMPTION (Rep. Timothy Ginter) - To modify the existing tax exemption for veterans organizations' property, to make appropriations and otherwise provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs, and to declare an emergency

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately

HB37SCHOOL SAFETY-STRUCTURES (Rep. Steve Arndt) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB40GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE DATABASE (Rep. Jonathan Dever, Rep. Dave Greenspan) To require the Treasurer of State to establish the Ohio State Government Expenditure Database

Status: House State & Local Government Committee

HB47STUDENTS IN MILITARY (Rep. John Boccieri) To enact the "Students to Soldiers Support Act (S3A)" regarding the participation of students who are serving in the uniformed services in extracurricular activities at public and nonpublic schools and public and private colleges

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB49OPERATING BUDGET (Rep. Ryan Smith) Creates FY 2018-2019 main operating budget

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective July 1, 2017

HB51DEPARTMENT REVIEW SCHEDULE (Rep. Keith Faber) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review

STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee -- Reported out as amended

HB53PUBLIC EMPLOYEES-MEMBER DUES (Rep. John Becker) To remove any requirement under the Public Employees Collective Bargaining Law that public employees join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit public employers from requiring public employees to join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit an employee organization from being required to represent public employees who are not members of the employee organization, and to make an appropriation

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB58CURSIVE HANDWRITING INSTRUCTION (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Marilyn Slaby) To require instruction in cursive handwriting

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB66UNDERGRAD MISSION STUDY COMMITTEE (Rep. Ron Young) To require permanently tenured state university or college faculty members to teach at least three credit hours of undergraduate courses per semester

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee

HB69LEVY REVENUE REIMBURSEMENT (Rep. Bob Cupp) To require reimbursement of certain township fire and emergency medical service levy revenue forgone because of the creation of a municipal tax increment financing district

STATUS: Signed by Governor -- Effective March 23, 2018

HB74INCREASE COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION (Rep. Stephen Huffman, Rep. Theresa Gavarone) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to the state's 529 college savings program from \$2,000 to \$3,000 per beneficiary per year

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB77SICK-CHILD CARE LICENSURE (Rep. Wes Retherford) To provide for the licensure of sick-child care centers

STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee

HB80SCHOOL FOOD-SUMMER INTERVENTION (Rep. Sarah LaTourette, Rep. Kent Smith) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

HB87COMMUNITY SCHOOL PUBLIC MONEYS (Rep. Kristina Roegner) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee

HB89 AUGUST SALES TAX HOLIDAY (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB98 CAREER INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Kristin Boggs) Regarding the presentation of career information to students

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective June 29, 2018

HB102 SCHOOL FUNDING REFORM (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To replace locally levied school district property taxes with a statewide property tax and require recipients of certain tax exemptions to reimburse the state for such levy revenue lost due to those exemptions; to increase the state sales and use tax rates and allocate additional revenue to state education purposes; to repeal school district income taxes; to require the Treasurer of State to issue general obligation bonds to refund certain school district debt obligations; to create a new system of funding schools where the state pays a specified amount per student that each student may use to attend the public or chartered nonpublic school of the student's choice, without the requirement of a local contribution; to eliminate the School Facilities Commission; to eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program, Pilot Project Scholarship Program, Autism Scholarship Program, and Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program; to eliminate interdistrict open enrollment; to require educational service centers to transport students on a countywide basis; and to permit school districts to enter into a memorandum of understanding for one district to manage another

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB103 FISCAL EMERGENCY PROVISIONS (Rep. William Reineke) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision.

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective October 17, 2017

HB108 INFORMED STUDENT DOCUMENT ACT (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Robert McColley) To require one-half unit of financial literacy in the high school curriculum, to require the Chancellor of Higher Education to prepare an informed student document for each institution of higher education, to require the State Board of Education to include information on the informed student document in the standards and model curricula it creates for financial literacy and entrepreneurship, and to entitle the act the "Informed Student Document Act"

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Bill amended

HB110 COLLEGE CREDIT APPRENTICESHIPS (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Bill Dean) To create a subprogram of the College Credit Plus Program that permits students to participate in certified apprenticeship programs
STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Bill amended

HB118 TAX COMPLAINT DISMISSAL (Rep. Derek Merrin) To expressly prohibit the dismissal of a property tax complaint for failure to correctly identify the property owner

STATUS: (Passed by House) Passed by Senate, Vote 32-0

HB124 VOCATIONAL SCHOOL TAX LEVY (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Rick Carfagna) To authorize a joint vocational school district to submit the question of a renewal tax levy to voters who did not have an opportunity to vote on the levy at an election held in November of 2015 because the levy was only placed on the ballot in one of several counties in which the district has territory

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately

HB129 SCHOOL EXTERNSHIPS-GOVERNOR (Rep. Kent Smith, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To require the Governor to complete a forty-hour externship consisting of on-site work experience in city, local, and exempted village school districts in the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years

STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee

HB134 SCHOOL COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Darrell Kick) To allow community improvements board grants to a school district to be spent for permanent improvements outside the county so long as the improvements are within the school district

STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended

HB163 PREVAILING WAGE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (Rep. Kristina Roegner, Rep. Craig Riedel) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects

STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee

HB166 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM REVISIONS (Rep. William Reineke, Rep. Bob Cupp) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB170 COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION (Rep. Rick Carfagna, Rep. Mike Duffey)

With regard to academic content standards and curriculum requirements for computer science; to revise educator qualifications regarding computer science; and to authorize public schools to establish computer science and technology funds

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective March 23, 2018

HB176 SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS (Rep. Andrew Thompson) With regard to state achievement assessments, statewide academic content standards and model curricula, and teacher and administrator evaluations

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Bill amended

HB179 IMMIGRATION LAW COMPLIANCE (Rep. Candice Keller) To require state and local authorities to cooperate with the federal government in the enforcement of immigration laws, to prohibit a local government that fails to do so from receiving certain state funds, to provide for the removal of officers of a local government that fails to do so, and to declare an emergency

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB181 ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT STANDARDS (Rep. Ron Hood, Rep. Tom Brinkman) With regard to the state academic content standards and primary and secondary education assessments

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB186 COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION (Rep. John Rogers, Rep. Gary Scherer) To enact the "Blair Deduction" to allow an individual obtaining a postsecondary degree or credential from an eligible educational institution to claim an income tax deduction for qualified higher education expenses

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB200 OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION (Koehler, K) - To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Bill amended

HB203 YOUTH SUMMER JOBS INITIATIVE (Barnes, Jr., J) - To require the Director of Development Services to establish a youth summer jobs pledging initiative to increase access to summer employment opportunities for high school and college youth

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Bill amended

HB217 COLLEGE APPLICATIONS-DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To prohibit institutions of higher education from requiring students to disclose disciplinary actions on their applications for admission

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB220 NONPUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDS (Rep. David Leland) With regard to the use of funds by community schools and nonpublic schools

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB224 RE-SERVING SCHOOL LUNCH ITEMS (Rep. Catherine Ingram) To permit districts and schools to re-serve time- and temperature-controlled food items to students if items are unused and returned unopened, undamaged, and in the original packaging

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB227 LICENSE PLATE-KENSTON LOCAL SCHOOLS (Rep. Sarah LaTourette) To create the "Kenston Local Schools" license plate

STATUS: House Transportation & Public Safety Committee – Reported out as amended

HB235 EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT PROCEDURE (Rep. Theresa Gavarone) Regarding procedures for approval or disapproval of the state education plan for the federal Every Student Succeeds Act

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee

HB237 MULTICOUNTY LOCAL ELECTIONS (Rep. Dorothy Pelanda) To require a political subdivision with territory in more than one county that places an issue on the ballot to notify the board of elections of every county in which the political subdivision has territory, to require the Secretary of State to establish a database to facilitate communication between the boards of elections and the Secretary concerning local elections, and to make an appropriation

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB240 RESPECT YOUR DATE ACT (Barnes, Jr. J) To enact the "Respect Your Date Act" to designate the month of April as "Respect Your Date Month" and to require each state institution of higher education to adopt a policy regarding dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and rape on campus and to declare an emergency

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Reported out as amended

HB242 SCHOOL RETIREMENT-COST OF LIVING (Rep. Rick Carfagna) Regarding School Employees Retirement System annual cost-of-living adjustments

STATUS: House Aging & Long Term Care Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB246 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY CLASSROOMS (Rep. John Boccieri, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to provide funding to certain county boards of developmental disabilities to assist in the acquisition of classroom facilities

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB262 INDEPENDENT BUDGET PROCESS (Rep. James Butler, Jr., Rep. Mark Romanchuk) To provide for the preparation of a state biennial budget independent of that submitted by the Governor and to authorize the Legislative Service Commission, upon the request of the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the President of the Senate, to arrange for an independent actuarial review of a proposed bill, specified analyses of economic policy initiatives and state benchmarking data, and a study of the state's long-range financial outlook

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB298 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE SICK DAYS (Rep. Derek Merrin) To make changes with respect to the number of sick days provided to public employees

STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee

HB312 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CREDIT CARDS (Rep. Kirk Schuring, Rep. Dave Greenspan) Regarding use of credit cards and debit cards by political subdivisions

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB318 SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER DEFINITION (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Sarah LaTourette) To define the necessary qualifications and responsibilities of school resource officers

STATUS: (Passed by House) Referred to Senate Finance Committee

HB322 SCHOOL EMERGENCY PLANS (Rep. Adam Miller, Rep. Bernadine Kent) To revise the law regarding emergency management plans and school safety drills; to require each educational service center to employ an emergency response planner; to make an appropriation; and to declare an emergency

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB337 TEXTBOOK SALES TAX EXEMPTION (Rep. Mike Duffey) To exempt from sales and use tax textbooks purchased by post-secondary students

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee – Reported out as amended

HB338 BUS DRIVER MEDICAL EXAMS (Rep. Tim Ginter) Regarding medical examinations for school bus drivers

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

HB342 LOCAL TAX ISSUES-ELECTION DATES (Rep. Derek Merrin) To permit local tax-related proposals to appear only on general and primary election ballots and not on an August special election ballot and to modify the information conveyed in election notices and ballot language for property tax levies

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee – Reported out as amended

HB343 PROPERTY VALUE CONTEST-RESOLUTIONS (Rep. Derek Merrin) To require local governments that contest property values to formally pass an authorizing resolution for each contest and to notify property owners

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Ways & Means Committee

HB360 ANTI-BULLYING AND HAZING (Rep. Dave Greenspan) To enact the "Ohio Anti-Bullying and Hazing Act" with regard to school discipline and bullying and hazing policies at public schools and public colleges

STATUS: (Passed by House) Referred to Senate Education Committee

HB361 PROPERTY TAX COMPLAINTS TIMEFRAME (Rep. Dave Greenspan) To increase the time within which boards of revision must decide property tax complaints

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee – Bill amended

HB363 CAMPUS FREE SPEECH (Rep. Rick Carfagna, Rep. Andrew Brenner) To enact the "Campus Free Speech Act" with respect to the freedom of speech and assembly at state institutions of higher education and the charging and allocation of student activity fees

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB369 PER PUPIL FUNDING GUARANTEE (Rep. Martin Sweeney) To prescribe a per pupil funding guarantee for certain school districts and to make an appropriation

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB377 CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE EDUCATION (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Dan Ramos) With respect to age-appropriate student instruction in child sexual abuse and sexual violence prevention and in-service staff training in child sexual abuse prevention

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB378 OHIO BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT (Rep. Ryan Smith, Rep. Jack Cera) To create the Ohio Broadband Development Grant Program and to make an appropriation

STATUS: (Passed by House) Referred to Senate Finance Committee

HB383 CHILD CARE HEALTH & SAFETY RISKS (Rep. Rick Carfagna) Regarding parental notice of serious risks to the health or safety of children receiving child care

STATUS: House Community & Family Advancement Committee – Reported out

HB396 STEM DEGREE LOAN REPAYMENT (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Rick Carfagna) To create the STEM Degree Loan Repayment Program and to make an appropriation

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB399 HEALTH INSURANCE SAVINGS INCENTIVES (Rep. Michael Henne, Rep. James Butler, Jr.) To enact the Ohio Right to Shop Act to require health insurers to establish shared savings incentive programs for enrollees

STATUS: House Health Committee

HB413 PERS ADJUSTMENT-DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES EMPLOYEES (Rep. Gary Scherer) Regarding Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) annual cost-of-living adjustments granted to allowance and benefit recipients and PERS service credit for services as a nonteaching school employee of a county board of developmental disabilities

STATUS: House Aging & Long Term Care Committee

HB418 SCHOOL RECORDS TRANSFER (Rep. Catherine Ingram) To require a public or chartered nonpublic school to transmit a student's records within five business days when the student transfers to another school

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB426 SCHOOL SEXUAL CONDUCT (Rep. Christina Hagan) To prohibit an employee of a school or institution of higher education who is not in a position of authority from engaging in sexual conduct with certain students

STATUS: House Criminal Justice Committee

HB428 STUDENT RELIGIOUS LIBERTIES ACT (Rep. Tim Ginter, Rep. Sarah LaTourette) Regarding student religious expression and to entitle the act the "Ohio Student Religious Liberties Act of 2018"

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB432 STUDENT LOAN OMBUDSMAN & LICENSURE (Rep. Kristin Boggs, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To require student loan servicers to be licensed by the Division of Financial Institutions and to create the position of student loan ombudsperson in the Division of Financial Institutions to provide assistance to student loan borrowers

STATUS: House Financial Institutions, Housing & Urban Development Committee

HB438 ESC ANNEXATION (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Darrell Kick) To permit the addition of appointed members to educational service center boards and to permit a local school district to sever its territory from one educational service center and annex that territory to an adjacent service center under specified conditions

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee

HB442 SCHOOL ATHLETICS-F1 VISA (Rep. Niraj Antani) To authorize any student from a country or province outside the United States who attends an elementary or secondary school in Ohio and holds an F-1 visa to participate in interscholastic athletics at that school on the same basis as Ohio residents

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB443 MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION (Rep. Martin Sweeney) To require school district boards of education to incorporate mental health instruction into their health education curricula

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB449 CHARTER SCHOOL SPONSOR RATINGS-UNIVERSITIES (Rep. John Rogers, Rep. John Patterson) To require the Department of Education to attribute any community school sponsor ratings an entity received during its relationship with a state university board of trustees to that entity even if it no longer has a relationship with the university

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB477 ELIMINATE EDUCATION PROGRAMS (Rep. Kyle Koehler) To eliminate various provisions and programs related to the Department of Education and the operation of primary and secondary schools

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Reported out

HB487 RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL-COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (Rep. Catherine Ingram) To eliminate the right of first refusal for community schools, college-preparatory boarding schools, and science, technology, engineering, and mathematics schools in the acquisition of school district real property

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB488 PROPERTY TAX LEVY-BALLOT LANGUAGE (Rep. Ron Hood, Rep. John Becker) To modify the information conveyed in election notices and ballot language for property tax levies

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB491 SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS-SPECIFIED SERVICES (Rep. Jay Edwards) To require the State Board of Education to issue a substitute license to specified pupil services personnel

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Reported out as amended

HB502 YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING-PUBLIC (Rep. Marlene Anielski) With regard to educator in-service training on youth suicide awareness and prevention in public schools

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB503 YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING-PRIVATE (Rep. Marlene Anielski) With regard to educator in-service training on youth suicide awareness and prevention in private schools

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB508 OHIOCORPS PILOT PROJECT (Rep. Scott Ryan, Rep. William Reineke) To establish the OhioCorps Pilot Project and to make an appropriation

STATUS: (Passed by House) Referred to Senate Finance Committee

HB512 CONSOLIDATE CAREER-EDUCATION GOVERNANCE (Rep. William Reineke) To establish the Department of Learning and Achievement; to abolish the Department of Higher Education, the position of the Chancellor of Higher Education, and the Ohio Board of Regents; to transfer, with exceptions, the duties regarding the administration of primary and secondary education programs and all duties regarding the administration of higher education programs to the Department of Learning and Achievement; and to prescribe certain duties regarding educator licensure, community school sponsorship, and other education programs for the State Board of Education, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Department of Education

STATUS: House Government Oversight & Accountability Committee

HB517 MONTH DESIGNATION-OHIO PRINCIPALS (Rep. Tim Schaffer, Rep. David Leland) To designate the month of October as "Ohio Principals Month."

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB524 529 CONTRIBUTIONS IN OTHER STATES (Rep. Gary Scherer, Rep. John Patterson) To expand the income tax deduction allowed for contributions to Ohio's 529 college savings program to include contributions to 529 programs established by other states

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB526 VOLUNTEER SCHOOL SECURITY (Rep. Anthony DeVitis, Rep. Martin Sweeney) To authorize a public or chartered nonpublic school to enter into an agreement with a volunteer law enforcement officer to patrol school premises to prevent or respond to a mass casualty event, to provide the parties with a qualified immunity from civil liability, and to provide a tax credit for volunteer service

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB529 CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS (Rep. Scott Ryan) To make capital appropriations and changes to the law governing capital projects and to make reappropriations for the biennium ending June 30, 2020

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective June 29, 2018

HB538 TAXES TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND INCREASE (Rep. Jack Cera, Rep. John Rogers) To increase the proportion of state tax revenue allocated to the Local Government Fund from 1.66% to 3.53% beginning July 1, 2019

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB540 TEACHER EVALUATIONS (Rep. Theresa Gavarone, Rep. Nathan Manning)
With regard to teacher evaluations

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB544 STATE BOARD-ADOPT SCHOOL SAFETY STANDARDS (Rep. John Rogers, Rep. Rick Perales) To require the State Board of Education to adopt rules prescribing standards for safety enhancements to new public and nonpublic school facilities and to require the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission to revise its construction and design standards to comply with the State Board's standards

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB547 PERS- DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SCHOOL EMPLOYEE (Rep. Jay Edwards) Regarding Public Employees Retirement System service credit for services as a nonteaching school employee of a county board of development disabilities

STATUS: House Aging & Long Term Care Committee

HB549 SCHOOL OPENINGS-AFTER LABOR DAY (Rep. Steve Arndt) To generally require public and chartered nonpublic schools to open for instruction after Labor Day

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB559 IMMUNIZATION-SCHOOLS (Rep. Anne Gonzales, Rep. Al Landis) To make changes to the law governing immunization of children enrolled in school, preschool programs, and day-care programs

STATUS: House Health Committee

HB572 PERS- DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SCHOOL EMPLOYEE (Rep. Gary Scherer, Rep. Stephanie Howse) Regarding Public Employees Retirement System service credit for services as a nonteaching school employee of a county board of developmental disabilities

STATUS: House Aging & Long Term Care Committee

HB591 STATE REPORT CARD REVISIONS (Rep. Mike Duffey) To revise the state report card rating system for school districts and public schools

STATUS: Introduced

HB594 PAYMENTS MUNICIPAL CORPS/SCHOOLS BUSINESS LAYOFFS (Rep. Dan Ramos) Enacts section 131.46 of the Revised Code to provide for payments to municipalities or school districts for their lost income tax revenue after a business lays off 50 or more employees within their jurisdiction

STATUS: Introduced

HB603 IN-STATE TUITION-MILITARY SERVICE (Rep. Rick Perales) To grant residency status for in-state tuition purposes at state institutions of higher education to all military service members who are on active duty and to their spouses and dependents

STATUS: Introduced

HB605 OVERTIME LAW EXEPTION (Rep. Brigid Kelly, Rep. Kent Smith) To raise the salary threshold above which certain employees are exempt from the overtime law

STATUS: Introduced

HB609 EXPULSION-THREAT OF VIOLENCE (Rep. Jim Hughes) With respect to the expulsion of a student from a school district, community school, or STEM school for communicating a threat of violence to occur on school grounds

STATUS: Introduced

HB611 ONLINE SCHOOL PAYMENT (Rep. Keith Faber, Rep. Kristina Roegner) To condition payment from the Department of Education to an Internet or computer-based community school on the school's use of automatically verifiable software that tracks attendance, class size, and participation

STATUS: Introduced

HB619 UNBORN CHILD EDUCATION (Rep. Niraj Antani) To require the development of an instructional program and educational and informational materials and the dissemination of those materials to protect the humanity of the unborn child and to make an appropriation

STATUS: Introduced

HB620 REGULATION REDUCTION (Rep. Kristina Roegner, Rep. Craig Riedel) To require agencies to reduce the number of regulatory restrictions

STATUS: Introduced

HB626 MORATORIUM-ACADEMIC DISTRESS COMMISSIONS (Rep. Kent Smith, Rep. Teresa Fedor) To establish a moratorium on the creation of new academic distress commissions

STATUS: Introduced

HB628 RESIDENT EDUCATOR LICENSES (Rep. Dick Stein, Rep. Wes Retherford) With regard to qualifications for obtaining a resident educator license

STATUS: Introduced

HB630 ALTERNATIVE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS EXTENSION (Rep. Tavia Galonski) To extend the alternative graduation requirements for two additional years

STATUS: Introduced

HB635 SCHOOL LICENSE PLATE PROGRAM (Rep. Dan Ramos) To create a school license plate program

STATUS: Introduced

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SENATE

SB3 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (Sen. Bill Beagle, Sen. Troy Balderson) To designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week

STATUS: (Passed by Senate) Passed by House, Vote 93-1; Senate concurs, Vote 32-0

SB5 INCREASING INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS (Sen. Jay Hottinger, Sen. John Eklund) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to college savings accounts and disability expense savings accounts to \$10,000 annually for each beneficiary, to create the Joint Committee on Ohio College Affordability, and to declare an emergency

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0; Emergency clause, Vote 32-1

SB8 SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNOLOGY (Sen. Randy Gardner, Sen. Louis Terhar) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective March 23, 2018

SB9 AUGUST TAX HOLIDAY (Sen. Kevin Bacon) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately

SB10 PRIMARY ELECTION REQUIREMENTS (Sen. Frank LaRose) To expand the circumstances under which a board of elections or the secretary of state is not required to hold a primary election

STATUS: (Passed by Senate) House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee – Substitute bill accepted

SB15 COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require community colleges, state community colleges, technical colleges, and university branches to comply with minority business enterprise set-aside requirements, and to require the Director of Administrative Services to establish guidelines for these entities, and the Northeast Ohio Medical University, to establish procurement goals for contracting with EDGE business enterprises

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB17LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND ALLOCATION (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To increase monthly allocations to the Local Government Fund from 1.66% to 3.68% of the total tax revenue credited to the General Revenue Fund each month
STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB22INCORPORATING FEDERAL REVENUE CHANGES (Sen. Bob Peterson) To expressly incorporate changes in the Internal Revenue Code since February 14, 2016, into Ohio law
STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately

SB34SCHOOL YEARS (Sen. Gayle Manning) To generally require public and chartered nonpublic schools to open for instruction after Labor Day
STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB36AGRICULTURAL COMPUTATION (Sen. Cliff Hite) To require that the computation of the capitalization rate for the purposes of determining CAUV of agricultural land be computed using a method that excludes appreciation and equity buildup and to stipulate that CAUV land used for a conservation practice or enrolled in a federal land retirement or conservation program for at least three years must be valued at the lowest of the values assigned on the basis of soil type
STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0

SB39COMMUNITY SCHOOL OPERATION (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) Regarding community school operator contracts, the operation of Internet- and computer-based community schools, and performance metrics for blended learning schools
STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB54SUMMER FOOD PROGRAMS (Sen. Edna Brown, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions
STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB72PREVAILING WAGE LAW (Sen. Matt Huffman) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects
STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB79STATE DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW SCHEDULE (Sen. Kris Jordan) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review
STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 24-9

SB82SCHOOL ABSENCES-PARENTAL NOTIFICATION (Sen. Sandra Williams, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require a public school to place a telephone call within one hour of the start of the school day to a parent whose child is absent without legitimate excuse

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0

SB85OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION (Sen. Matt Huffman) To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB88SUBDIVISION COMMISSIONS-FISCAL EMERGENCY (Sen. Louis Terhar) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0

SB97 REGIONAL STUDY COMMITTEE CREATION (Sen. Frank LaRose, Sen. Kenny Yuko) To establish a Regional Economic Development Alliance Study Committee to study the benefits and challenges involved in creating regional economic development alliances

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB104 PROHIBIT SECLUSION USE-SCHOOLS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To prohibit the use of seclusion on students in public schools

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB105 MONTH DESIGNATION-OHIO PRINCIPALS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To designate the month of October as "Ohio Principals Month"

STATUS: (Passed by Senate) House Education & Career Readiness Committee

SB111 SCHOOL ZONE SIGN LIGHTS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require school zones to be indicated by signs equipped with flashing or other lights or that indicate the times during which the restrictive speed limit is enforced, and to make an appropriation

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB123 PROPERTY TAX COMPLAINT PROCESS (Sen. William Coley) To limit the right to initiate most types of property tax complaints to the property owner and the county recorder of the county in which the property is located

STATUS: Senate Ways & Means Committee

SB124 COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY GRANTS (Sen. Sandra Williams) To qualify students in noncredit community college and career and technical programs for Ohio College Opportunity Grants and to require the awarding of academic credit for community colleges' career certification programs

STATUS: Senate Finance Higher Education Subcommittee

SB133 STUDENT DISCIPLINE-VIOLENT BEHAVIOR (Sen. Frank LaRose) To require the Education Management Information System to include information regarding persons at whom a student's violent behavior that resulted in discipline was directed and to require the Department of Education to submit a one-time report to the General Assembly regarding that information

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB140 PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP GRANTS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To create the Public-Private Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to develop, enhance, and promote educational programs to address regional workforce needs; to create the Sector Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to identify and provide grants to industry partnerships; to support programs that improve access to workforce training opportunities for students; to support economic development and revitalization programs; and to make an appropriation

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB149 ELECTION POLLING PLACES-SCHOOLS (Sen. Frank LaRose) Regarding the use of a school district building as a polling place for elections

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB151 SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ADJUSTMENTS (Sen. Cliff Hite) To permit, rather than require, the School Employees Retirement System to grant annual cost-of-living adjustments to retirement, disability, and survivor benefit recipients and to reduce the maximum amount of the adjustment

STATUS: Senate Insurance & Financial Institutions Committee

SB172 HUNGER-FREE STUDENTS RIGHTS (Sen. Kenny Yuko) To establish the Hunger-Free Students' Bill of Rights Act to require schools to provide certain services to students who are eligible for free or reduced price meals

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB175 RECOVERED FUNDS-SCHOOL AUDIT (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB191 ESTABLISH SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAMS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To establish the Breakfast After The Bell Program for public schools

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB196 AGGRAVATED BULLYING-OFFENSE CREATION (Sen. Sandra Williams, Sen. Edna Brown) To create the offense of aggravated bullying, a third-degree misdemeanor

STATUS: Senate Judiciary Committee

SB197 SCHOOL DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES (Sen. Sandra Williams, Sen. Edna Brown) To require a tiered disciplinary procedure for harassment, intimidation, or bullying in school; to require annual student instruction about preventing such acts; and to create the offense of aggravated bullying as a third-degree misdemeanor

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB199 OHIO BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni, Sen. Cliff Hite) To create the Ohio Broadband Development Grant Program and to make an appropriation

STATUS: Introduced

SB203 MUNICIPAL TAX RULE REINSTATEMENT (Sen. Matt Dolan) To reinstate the municipal income tax "throw-back rule" used in apportioning business income among municipalities

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB209 PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS-TIF (Sen. William Coley, Sen. John Eklund) To modify the conditions that determine the relative priority of property tax exemptions when a parcel subject to a tax increment financing arrangement concurrently qualifies for another exemption

STATUS: Senate Ways & Means Committee

SB213 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDING PLAN (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To enhance economic and employment opportunities and improve local infrastructure in Ohio by providing additional assistance to workforce development and employment programs; establishing a revolving loan program for small businesses seeking to expand operations; extending job tax credits to smaller businesses; enabling expanded participation in public sector contracting by smaller companies; enhancing support for childcare centers; funding additional local infrastructure and public transit; authorizing tax incentives for hiring military veterans, for donating money to local programs assisting distressed communities, or for improving distressed property; exempting the homes of disabled veterans from property taxation; terminating the income tax deduction and reduced tax rate for business income; and to make an appropriation

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB216 PUBLIC SCHOOL DEREGULATION ACT (Sen. Matt Huffman) To enact the "Ohio Public School Deregulation Act" regarding the administration of preschool and primary and secondary education programs

STATUS: (Passed by Senate) House Education & Career Readiness Committee

SB225 OHIO BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni, Sen. John Eklund) To create the Ohio Broadband Development Grant Program and to make an appropriation

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB226 SALES TAX HOLIDAY-SCHOOL SAFETY (Sen. Kevin Bacon) To provide for a permanent three-day sales tax "holiday" each August during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use tax, to authorize a county school financing district property tax for school safety, security, and mental health services, and to declare an emergency

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately

SB239 REGIONAL COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENTS (Sen. Matt Dolan) To modify the law concerning regional councils of governments

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0

SB240 REGARDING TEACHER EVALUATIONS (Sen. Peggy Lehner) With regard to teacher evaluations

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB241 ACCREDITED NONPUBLIC SCHOOL CATEGORY (Sen. Louis Terhar, Sen. Cecil Thomas) To establish a category of nonpublic schools called "accredited nonpublic schools" and to prescribe requirements and exemptions for such schools

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB246 STUDENT SAFETY ACT (Sen. Peggy Lehner, Sen. Gayle Manning) To enact the "SAFE Act" to revise the procedures for emergency removal of a student, to prohibit certain suspensions and expulsions of students in grades prekindergarten through three, to require each public school to implement a positive behavior intervention and supports framework in accordance with state standards, and to make an appropriation

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB258 AWARDING SCHOOL SAFETY FUNDS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To require the State Board of Education to establish criteria and procedures for the awarding of school safety funds to school districts and to make an appropriation

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB262 EATING DISORDER EDUCATION (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require public schools annually to provide parents of students in any of grades five through twelve with educational information regarding eating disorders

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB266 CAPITAL BUDGET (Sen. Scott Oelslager) To make capital appropriations and changes to the law governing capital projects and to make reappropriations for the biennium ending June 30, 2020

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB276 EXPULSION OF STUDENTS (Sen. Jay Hottinger) With respect to the expulsion of a student from a school district, community school, or STEM school for actions that endanger the health and safety of other students or school employees
STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB287 K-12 HEALTH EDUCATION STANDARDS (Sen. Vernon Sykes) To require the State Board of Education to develop and adopt health education standards for grades kindergarten through twelve and to require only venereal disease education standards and curriculum adopted by the State Board to be approved by concurrent resolution of the General Assembly
STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB289 THREATS OF SCHOOL VIOLENCE (Sen. Stephanie Kunze) With respect to the expulsion of a student from a school district, community school, or STEM school for communicating a threat of violence to occur on school grounds
STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB293 REDUCTION OF AGENCY REGULATIONS (Sen. Bob Peterson, Sen. Robert McColley) To require agencies to reduce the number of regulatory restrictions
STATUS: Referred to Senate Transportation, Commerce & Workforce Committee

SB294 PILOT PROJECT SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNTS (Sen. John Eklund, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To increase the maximum amount that may be awarded to students under the Pilot Project (Cleveland) Scholarship Program
STATUS: Referred to Senate Education Committee

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House Bill 580, adds oversight and transparency to Ohio executive agencies' applications for federal grants, in an effort to control the rise of the administrative state. The discussion will include how the bureaucracy of our federal and state governments has grown over time, and how this administrative growth has specifically hurt the State of Ohio through federal grants and mandates. We will discuss how HB580 will help address the problem we have with a rising administrative state, and institute oversight via the executive branch.

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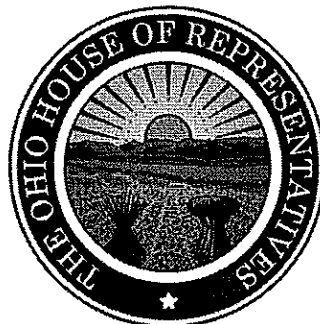
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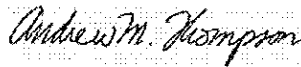
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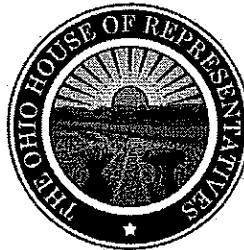
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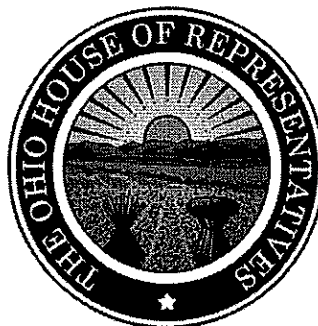
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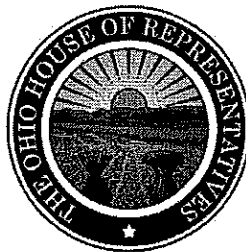
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HOUSE E-CLIPS

5/15/2018



GOP GOV. KASICH TO SHARE OHIO PLAN TO HELP LEGAL IMMIGRANTS

Ohio Gov. John Kasich is announcing an initiative aimed at helping legal immigrants successfully integrate in the state.

OHIO HOUSE GOP TO PICK NEW SPEAKER; LAST LEADER RESIGNED

Republicans in the Ohio House are slated to vote on a new House speaker after the previous leader resigned amid an FBI inquiry surrounding his activities.



KASICH, DEWINE OPPOSE SPORTS BETTING; CORDRAY WOULD CONSIDER IT

Can you imagine betting a few bucks — legally — on the Ohio State University football Buckeyes to cover the spread against That Team up North?

HUNDREDS GATHER AT STATEHOUSE TO MARK REBIRTH OF POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN

Almost 50 years to the day after the original Poor People's Campaign marched on Washington, the current iteration of the movement descended on the Statehouse steps to call on the General Assembly to address the plight of the millions of people living in poverty.

HOUSE GOP DRAGGED INTO CONTENTIOUS TUESDAY SPEAKER VOTE

The House speaker is one of the most powerful people in state government, and Ohio lawmakers are about to pick a new one in a rare mid-term replacement.

MANY STATE EMPLOYEES RECEIVE 8.7% RAISE OVER 3 YEARS

Members of the state's largest employee union will receive a raise of more than 8 percent over three years in a contract ratified by the Ohio Civil Service Employees Association.

DISPUTE OVER PROTECTION OF EVIDENCE IN ECOT CASE RESOLVED

The Ohio auditor's office has finished collecting data for a criminal investigation of failed online charter school ECOT and placed the records in an evidence locker, where they can be

opened and reviewed only by a judge's order under an agreement reached Monday in Franklin County Common Pleas Court.

THE PLAIN DEALER

SPORTS WAGERING COULD BE HEADING TO OHIO AFTER SUPREME COURT RULING

Placing sports bets at Ohio casinos made giant leap toward becoming legal with a decision from the U.S. Supreme Court on Monday.

MIKE DEWINE RAISED \$1 MILLION IN 72 HOURS FOLLOWING HIS GOP PRIMARY WIN, HIS CAMPAIGN SAYS

Mike DeWine's campaign for governor raised \$1 million in the 72-hour period after he won the Republican nomination last week, his campaign said Monday.

FORUM LOOKS TO FIND ANSWERS ON HOW TO GET MORE WOMEN INVOLVED IN POLITICS

Three politically astute women will share their insights into the disparity between men and women in politics at a Wednesday forum in Cleveland Heights.

OHIO MEDICAL MARIJUANA COMPANIES AWAIT JUDGE'S DECISION ON WHETHER TO PAUSE GROW LICENSES

The decision of whether to halt a portion of Ohio's nascent medical marijuana program - which the state argues will delay cannabis from getting to sick patients - is now in Franklin County Common Pleas Judge Richard Frye's hands.

THE ENQUIRER

WILL OHIO LEGALIZE SPORTS GAMBLING AFTER U.S. SUPREME COURT DECISION?

Want to bet on the Cincinnati Bearcats, Ohio State University Buckeyes or Cincinnati Bengals?

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SUPREME COURT LETS STATES, INCLUDING OHIO, LEGALIZE SPORTS GAMBLING

The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday opened the door for states like Ohio to enter the sports-betting arena, but it remains to be seen whether the Buckeye State is ready to walk through it.

SCHOOL THAT TOOK ECOT STUDENTS WANTS POOR SCORES IGNORED

Maumee-based Ohio Virtual Academy and its sponsor are asking lawmakers to provide a "safe harbor" from potentially poor academic performance by students who transferred from the now-shuttered Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow.

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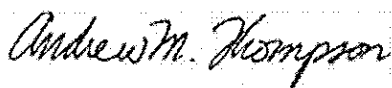
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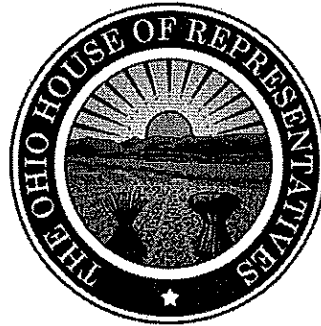
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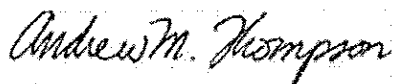
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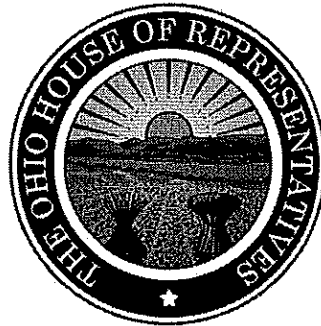
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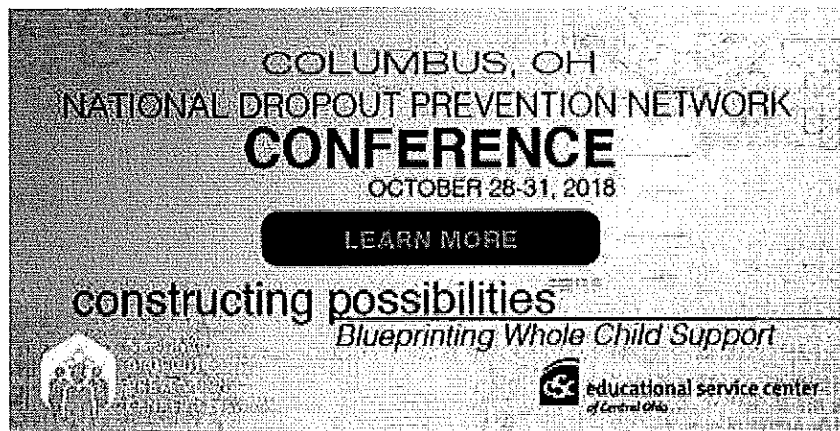
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Subject: Weekly Wrap 5/18/18 - A service of the ESC of Central Ohio - Chronic Absenteeism Indicator

Attachments: State Board Chronic Absenteeism Indicator - Backup Materials 052018.pdf

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Week of May 18, 2018

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FEATURED ITEMS

STATE BOARD APPROVES CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM

INDICATOR – *The State Board of Education approved an indicator measuring chronic absenteeism in schools and districts to be included on report cards beginning with the 2017-2018 school year. The indicator was developed in response to the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requirement that state report cards now include an indicator of school quality and student success. Ohio's federally approved ESSA plan states that there is a significant body of research around student attendance and the impact of chronic absenteeism on academic performance. It also is one of the strongest predictors that can be used to identify students who eventually will drop out. Ohio has reported chronic absenteeism data on its school and district report cards since the 2014-2015 school year. Beginning in 2017-2018, this indicator will contribute to the Indicators Met measure within the Achievement component. (Additional information regarding the indicator from this week's State Board of Education meeting is attached.)*

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Chronic Absenteeism – ODE

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Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) – ODE

- The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which replaced the No Child Left Behind Act, asked Ohio and other states to clearly articulate how they will use federal funds to ensure that schools educate every student, create safe and supportive learning environments, encourage innovation and extended learning opportunities, and more

National Dropout Prevention Network & Conference 0 ESC of Central Ohio

- The ESC of Central Ohio and the National Dropout Prevention Center/Network (NDPC/N) provide an opportunity for district and school administrators to build a research-backed foundation for an effective dropout prevention plan. The strategies put forward by the NDPC/N have been put into practice by states nationwide and are considered the standard in dropout prevention planning

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Central Ohio Schools

CANAL WINCHESTER LOCAL SCHOOLS

Board OKs Construction Projects at High School – This Week

- The Canal Winchester Board of Education agreed May 9 to spend nearly \$2.3 million for early site work in preparation for renovations and additions at the high school

COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOLS

Columbus Students Tout Yearlong Service Projects for Scholarships – Columbus Dispatch

- All Stars Shine was among more 50 service projects presented Monday morning during the 15th annual "Service Above Self" high-school fair at the Valley Dale Ballroom on the Northeast Side. The program, a collaboration between the Columbus Rotary and Columbus City Schools, encourages students to get involved in their communities by establishing and executing their own service projects

Columbus School Board Looks to Sign Taft Firm as Its Independent Legal Counsel – Columbus Dispatch

- It's unclear what legal issues might arise that will necessitate the Columbus Board of Education hiring independent legal counsel for its new superintendent search, but one thing was made clear Tuesday: It's not going to be cheap

DUBLIN CITY SCHOOLS

Dublin School Board Poised to Vote June 11 on Tax Issue for Fall Ballot – This Week

- Dublin City School District officials could make a decision next month to move forward with a tax-issue funding request

FAIRBANKS LOCAL SCHOOLS

Fairbanks Listed among Best High Schools – Marysville Journal Tribune

- Fairbanks High School (FHS) is the 46th best high school in Ohio and the 1,294th best in America for 2018, according to U.S. News

GAHANNA-JEFFERSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Bond, Levy Approval Sets Gahanna-Jefferson Construction in Motion – This Week

- The Gahanna-Jefferson Public School District will move forward with plans for a new elementary school and improvements to other school buildings, thanks to voter approval of Issue 2 in the May 8 primary

GROVEPORT MADISON LOCAL SCHOOLS

Meet-and-Greets Set with Superintendent Candidates – This Week

- The three finalists for the superintendent's post in the Groveport Madison school district will meet the public from 4:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 23, at the District Service Center, 4400 Marketing Place

GM Board Hosts Open Meet and Greet for Superintendent Finalists – Columbus Messenger

- On May 23 at 4:30 p.m., the Groveport Madison Board of Education will host informal "Meet & Greets" with the three finalists interested in filling the district's superintendent vacancy at the district administration office

Three to Be Interviewed for Groveport Madison Superintendent Job – Columbus Messenger

- The search for the new Groveport Madison Schools superintendent has been whittled down to three finalists

Phase 2 of New Groveport Madison High School Project to Begin – Columbus Messenger

- Groveport Madison Schools' new \$53 million, 240,000 square foot high school will open this fall and that means it is time for Phase 2 of the construction project to begin

HILLIARD CITY SCHOOLS

Many Opportunities Accompany Summer Vacation – This Week Hilliard Schools Connection

- John Marschhausen, superintendent of Hilliard City Schools, writes that from summer school to access to Columbus State Community College, from internships to academic camps, their district counselors can connect families to opportunities for extended learning

MARYSVILLE SCHOOLS

Schools Continue to Evaluate Roll of Cellphones in Class – Marysville Journal Tribune

- In the past, cell phones in schools were seen as a distraction to the educational environment. Now, they have a new purpose

SOUTH-WESTERN CITY SCHOOLS

New Partnerships Contribute to Students' Well-Being – This Week South-Western Subject Matter

- Bradford Faust, assistant superintendent of curriculum at South-Western City Schools, writes that academic success is at the core of what they strive to accomplish in the district; however, they also know that non-academic barriers can impact a student's educational experiences

Forecast Holds Steady in SWCS – Columbus Messenger

- An updated version of the five-year financial forecast was presented at the South-Western City Schools board of education meeting on May 7. It was summarized by Treasurer Hugh Garside as being on par with the projections made seven months ago

WHITEHALL CITY SCHOOLS

Lees 'Excited' to Join Whitehall School Board – This Week

- A Whitehall-Yearling High School alumnus is the newest member of the Whitehall school board

WORTHINGTON CITY SCHOOLS

Worthington School Board Sends Bond, Levy to Ballot – This Week

- The Worthington school board has approved plans for two funding requests for the November general election

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Ohio Department of Education/State Board of Education

Working Draft of the State's Five-Year Strategic Plan for Education: EachChild=OurFuture – ODE

- The purpose of the plan is to help each child become successful thanks to the guidance and support of caring adults who are empowered by an effective system. The plan is a tool to inform policy development at the Ohio Statehouse and education practice in Ohio's schools. The final plan is set to be released this summer

Local Literacy Plan Guidance Video – ODE

- To build on ongoing work to improve the language and literacy development of our state's children, Ohio was awarded a \$35 million Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy Grant from the U.S. Department of Education

State Board to Vote on Absenteeism Indicator, Consider Delay of Report Card Grade – Hannah

- At the upcoming May meeting of the State Board of Education, members will vote to finalize a new component for the state report card that measures chronic absenteeism. They may also consider a member-submitted resolution that would delay the implementation of single letter grade composite scores scheduled to appear on school report cards in the upcoming school year

Expert Addresses School Board Members' Concerns on Computer Scoring of Tests – Hannah

- After consecutive meetings full of questions on the mechanics and validity of using artificial intelligence to grade student essays on state English tests, Superintendent Paolo DeMaria invited a testing expert who advises Ohio to brief State Board of Education members on the topic Monday

Sensing Possible Movement on Legislation, Report Card Workgroup Offers Short-Term Recommendations – Hannah

- Seeing an opportunity to weigh in on current legislation while continuing to develop long-term recommendations, the State Board of Education's report card workgroup gave general approval for the state superintendent and the Ohio Department of Education to provide potential testimony on HB591 (Duffey)

Ohio School Board Asks Lawmakers to Delay Letter Grades in Report Card – Dayton Daily News

- The state school board on Tuesday asked the state legislature not to use an overall letter grade to define Ohio schools on the fall 2018 state report card

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Schools Showcase College-Career Preparation amid Education Board's Graduation Debate – Hannah

- Three Ohio school districts Tuesday presented their programs for ensuring students are ready for life after high school to the State Board of Education, which is in the midst of a long debate on alternatives to test-based graduation standards

Improvements to CORE Online Licensure Application System on the Way – ODE

- As part of its continuing efforts to provide quality customer service, the Ohio Department of Education's Office of Educator Licensure upgraded the CORE online licensure application

Data Review and Data Appeal Windows Open for CTE March (D) Data – ODE

- Through May 30, superintendents of districts that offer career-technical education programming can conduct the required review of their 2018 March (D) data in EMIS. These data will affect their career-technical planning districts' technical skill, placement and industry credential measures on the 2018 Ohio Career-Technical Education Report Cards

Medical Waiver Requests Due by May 25 – ODE

- Although Ohio expects all students to take part in state tests, there may be rare circumstances in which students cannot take one or more assessments during the testing window dates, including makeup dates, because of medical emergencies. In such cases, a district must submit an application for a medical emergency waiver

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Ohio Education & Public Policy

For Now, DeWine Would Not Envision Systemic Overhaul of P-16 – Hannah

- The Republican candidate for Ohio governor said Monday he would be at least as assertive as the current and previous governors in pressing his agenda for K-16 learning -- a top priority of his prospective administration -- despite language in the Ohio Constitution guaranteeing an independent state superintendent and State Board of Education. Attorney General Mike DeWine, however, would not commit to the kind of education overhaul contemplated by HB512 (Reineke), at least on this day

Ohio Senate Approves Bill Limiting Suspensions of Young Students – Columbus Dispatch

- Ohio schools could no longer impose out-of-school suspensions for young students who commit minor offenses under a bill that unanimously passed the Senate on Wednesday

Senate Passes Nine Bills; Obhof Unconcerned about Speaker Fight – Hannah

- The Senate passed legislation addressing child support, cybersecurity and school safety, among other bills, during a relatively busy session Wednesday

Holdouts Adamant on Need for Interim Speaker – Hannah

- Two House Republicans among the faction declining to support Rep. Ryan Smith (R-Gallipolis) for speaker urged colleagues to hold firm for the prospect of an interim leader Wednesday

Ramos Proposes Tax Credit to Cover 90 Percent of College Costs – Hannah

- A new bill from Rep. Dan Ramos (D-Lorain) would provide tax credits to college students equal to as much as 90 percent of students' expected family contribution (EFC) to their education costs, as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

College Affordability Committee Convenes First Meeting – Hannah

- The Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE) on Thursday provided an overview of the government and Legislature's work to keep the cost of college down in Ohio at the first meeting of the Joint Committee on Ohio College Affordability

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Ohio Postsecondary & Workforce Development

Columbus State to Vote on \$10 Per Credit Hour Tuition Increase – Columbus Dispatch

- The school= 2s board of trustees will meet Friday to discuss a \$10 per credit-hour increase in tuition, its first hike since the 2014-15 fiscal year, spokesman Brent Wilder said

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Ohio's Public Universities Launch Statewide Communication Campaign – Hannah

- Ohio's 14 public universities this week launched a statewide communication campaign designed "to raise awareness of the value of public higher education and spur efforts to close the state's increasingly alarming higher education attainment gap," the Inter-University Council (IUC) announced

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Ohio Reports

Proficient vs. Prepared 2018: Disparities Between State Tests and the 2017 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) – Achieve

- In 2015, Achieve first released its Proficient vs. Prepared report, comparing state test results against the results of the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). The newest edition of the report, which compares 2016-17 state test results with 2017 NAEP results, finds that while many states have made progress in their transparency about true student proficiency in reading and mathematics, several large "honesty gaps" still remain
- Ohio was found to have narrowed the proficiency gap in at least one grade or content area by 10 or more points between 2015 and 2017

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Federal & US Department of Education

Final Report to the President of the United States – Task Force on Apprenticeship Expansion/US Department of Labor

- The Task Force is charged with the mission of identifying strategies and proposals to promote apprenticeships, especially in sectors where apprenticeship programs are insufficient. Upon completion of this assignment, the Task Force shall submit to the President of the United States a final report which details these strategies and proposals

DeVos Team Considering Reshuffling of Education Department's Main K-12 Office – EdWeek

- U.S. Secretary Betsy DeVos's team is mulling a significant reorganization of the office of elementary and secondary education or OESE, the main K-12 arm of the U.S. Department of Education

DeVos: State Bans on Public Money to Religious Schools Should Go To 'Ash Heap of History' – EdWeek

- U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos railed against state constitutional prohibitions on public funds going to faith-based institutions, in a speech Wednesday to the Alfred E. Smith Foundation in New York City

Prepared Remarks by Secretary DeVos to the Alfred E. Smith Foundation – USDOE

Readout of Secretary DeVos' Meeting with Experts and Survivors of Mass Shootings – USDOE

- U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos held an informational meeting with survivors and family members impacted by the mass shootings at Columbine, Virginia Tech Sandy Hook and Parkland, in addition to authors of official reports following incidents of school violence

FCC's Net Neutrality Repeal to Take Effect June 11, Worrying Schools – EdWeek

- The Federal Communications Commission announced last week that its controversial move to roll back "net neutrality" rules will take effect next month, prompting a renewed round of concern from school and library advocates who have been fighting the plan for months

U.S. Department of Education Launches New Website Accessibility Technical Assistance Initiative – USDOE

- The U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) today announced it is launching a new technical assistance initiative to assist schools, districts, state education agencies, libraries, colleges and universities in making their websites and online programs accessible to individuals with disabilities

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Education Policy & Finance

The Financial Stress of Teaching in Regions of Fast Economic Growth – Brookings

- This report highlights the financial stress facing teachers in regions of fast economic growth and high property values

How Generous Are Teaching Benefits and Do They Make Up for Lower Pay? – USA Today

- Teachers are public employees and generally receive pension and insurance benefits (medical, dental, vision) that cover themselves and their families. But are these benefits overly generous? Do the benefits make up for lower pay?

Funder Collaborations = 2 Flourish or Flounder? – Education First

- Given the complexities of changing education systems, funders regularly collaborate to leverage their influence, channel their funding and mobilize grantees in the same direction. But many well-intentioned collaborations fall short of expectations. So what actions and approaches might lead to more success?

How Bill Gates Spent \$44 Million to Help Set What Kids Learn in School – AP/Columbus Dispatch

- His non-profit, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, has given about \$44 million to outside groups over the past two years to help shape new state education plans required under the 2015 law, according to an Associated Press analysis of its grants

'Continuous Improvement' Model Woven Into State ESSA Plans – EdWeek

- "Continuous improvement" has quickly become a buzzword in K-12 policy and practice, as states, districts, and schools strive for systemic, long-term gains in student achievement, instead of looking for the next, shiniest silver bullet

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Standards & Assessments

Is the Pen Mightier Than the Keyboard? The Effect of Online Testing on Measured Student Achievement – CALDER

- Nearly two dozen states now administer online exams. These tests have real consequences: their results feed into accountability systems, which have been used for more than a decade to hold schools and districts accountable for their students' learning. We examine the rollout of computer-based testing in Massachusetts over 2 years to investigate test mode effects

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Educator Effectiveness

Teacher-Prep Rankings That Use Student Test Scores Are Not Reliable, Says Analysis – EdWeek

- Can teacher-preparation programs be ranked by effectiveness? Not if the rankings are based on student test scores, according to a new analysis

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Personalized Learning Frameworks

Communicating Personalized Learning to Families and Stakeholders: Terminology, Tools and Tips for Success – Education Elements/ExcelinEd

- A guide to creating informative conversations and preventing miscommunication about personalized learning

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Tech Infrastructure

4 Tips to Plan a K-12 Network Switch Upgrade – EdTech

- As K-12 school districts work to expand and modernize their networks, administrators must address evolving requirements in connectivity, gigabit-class Wi-Fi and ever-growing traffic flows. Driven by these increasing traffic demands and advances in technologies, new network switches offer benefits in both capacity and utility

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Charter Schools

Diverse-by-Design Charter Schools – The Century Foundation

- This report represents the first systematic effort to identify diverse-by-design charter schools and characterize the role of student diversity in school mission and design across the charter sector more generally.

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School Improvement

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ESSA: How Can States Figure Out If New School Improvement Ideas Work? – EdWeek

- One of the biggest changes in the Every Student Succeeds Act is that states and districts get to come up with their own school improvement ideas, as long as they are backed by evidence

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Special Education

Preparing for Life after High School: The Characteristics and Experiences of Youth in Special Education. A Summary of Key Findings from the National Longitudinal Transition Study 2012 – USDOE/IES/NCEE

- The brief indicates that, although their engagement and use of school supports have increased over the past decade (2003-2012), high school youth with an IEP are more socioeconomically disadvantaged and less likely to have experiences and expectations associated with success after high school than were other students in 2012. Among the disability groups in 2012, youth with intellectual disability, autism, deaf-blindness, multiple disabilities, and orthopedic impairments were found to be most at-risk for not transitioning successfully beyond high school

Teachers of Students With Behavior Problems Want Help Finding Evidence-Based Tools – EdWeek

- Teachers who say that have students with "behavior regulation challenges" are always on the lookout for programs they can use to support their students, and a new survey finds that teachers learn about those programs through their own research about a third of the time

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School Safety & Discipline

Threat Case Throws Spotlight on Hard Choices for Schools – AP/Washington Post

- Across the country, school officials dealing with threats of violence in this era of mass shootings are facing similar choices and constraints. When deciding whether to expel a student or let the youngster return, administrators must balance the safety of an alleged victim and other schoolmates with the accused's right to an education

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Mental Health & Wellness

Why Kids and Teens May Face Far More Anxiety These Days – Washington Post

- Anxiety, not depression, is the leading mental health issue among American youths, and clinicians and research both suggest it is rising. The latest study was published in April in the Journal of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics

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Early Learning

Lit Takes a Village for Pre-K Education – District Administration

- Families and community organizations join early literacy programs to give students a strong start in school

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Career- and Postsecondary-Readiness

Five Rules of the College and Career Game – Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce

- Five Rules of the College and Career Game shows that more education is usually better, but majors matter more. College is less about the institution name and more about the field of study

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Low-Income Students: More Going to College, But Few Earning Degrees – EdWeek

- A report released Thursday offers the latest opportunity to see the pattern in multicolored charts and graphs. They paint a portrait of two generations of low-income students who have raised their college sights only to stumble before securing the payoffs of a degree. Educators and activists worry that the pattern could limit their potential earnings and social mobility

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Literacy

Schools See Steep Drop in Librarians, New Analysis Finds – EdWeek

- American schools—particularly those serving black and Latino students—have seen a precipitous drop in their school librarians since the Great Recession

Lit Takes a Village for Pre-K Education – District Administration

- Families and community organizations join early literacy programs to give students a strong start in school

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Data

Leveraging Data for Academic Excellence – SETDA

- The report highlights how state leaders tackle data interoperability with the emergence of data standards for student information, assessment, digital content, and other educational applications. While states are at various maturity levels for interoperability, each state shares goals for interoperability, the drivers for those goals, current status and use cases, as well as some of the challenges in the process

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Ohio Legislation Update

(Recent bill action in RED. Signed into law by Governor in GREEN.)

HOUSE

HB3 DATAOHIO BOARD CREATION (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Christina Hagan) To create the DataOhio Board, to specify requirements for posting public records online, to require the Auditor of State to adopt rules regarding a uniform accounting system for public offices, to establish an online catalog of public data at data.Ohio.gov, to establish the Local Government Information Exchange Grant Program, and to make appropriations

STATUS: House Finance Committee – Reported out

HB8 PUBLIC RECORDS-MINORS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To exempt from the Public Records Law certain information concerning a minor that is included in a record related to a traffic accident involving a school vehicle in which the minor was an occupant at the time of the accident

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Local Government, Public Safety & Veterans Affairs Committee – Reported out

HB14AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION (Rep. Kathleen Clyde) To require that eligible persons in certain government and school databases be automatically registered to vote or have their registrations updated automatically unless those persons decline and to expand how a voter may register or update their registration through the online voter registration system

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB21COMMUNITY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION (Rep. Steve Hambley) Regarding verification of community school enrollments

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee

HB24VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS-TAX EXEMPTION (Rep. Timothy Ginter) - To modify the existing tax exemption for veterans organizations' property, to make appropriations and otherwise provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs, and to declare an emergency

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately

HB37SCHOOL SAFETY-STRUCTURES (Rep. Steve Arndt) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB40GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE DATABASE (Rep. Jonathan Dever, Rep. Dave Greenspan) To require the Treasurer of State to establish the Ohio State Government Expenditure Database

Status: House State & Local Government Committee

HB47STUDENTS IN MILITARY (Rep. John Boccieri) To enact the "Students to Soldiers Support Act (S3A)" regarding the participation of students who are serving in the uniformed services in extracurricular activities at public and nonpublic schools and public and private colleges

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB49OPERATING BUDGET (Rep. Ryan Smith) Creates FY 2018-2019 main operating budget

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective July 1, 2017

HB51DEPARTMENT REVIEW SCHEDULE (Rep. Keith Faber) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review

STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended

HB53PUBLIC EMPLOYEES-MEMBER DUES (Rep. John Becker) To remove any requirement under the Public Employees Collective Bargaining Law that public employees join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit public employers from requiring public employees to join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit an employee organization from being required to represent public employees who are not members of the employee organization, and to make an appropriation

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB58CURSIVE HANDWRITING INSTRUCTION (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Marilyn Slaby) To require instruction in cursive handwriting

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB66UNDERGRAD MISSION STUDY COMMITTEE (Rep. Ron Young) To require permanently tenured state university or college faculty members to teach at least three credit hours of undergraduate courses per semester

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee

HB69LEVY REVENUE REIMBURSEMENT (Rep. Bob Cupp) To require reimbursement of certain township fire and emergency medical service levy revenue forgone because of the creation of a municipal tax increment financing district

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective March 23, 2018

HB74INCREASE COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION (Rep. Stephen Huffman, Rep. Theresa Gavarone) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to the state's 529 college savings program from \$2,000 to \$3,000 per beneficiary per year

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB77SICK-CHILD CARE LICENSURE (Rep. Wes Retherford) To provide for the licensure of sick-child care centers

STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee

HB80SCHOOL FOOD-SUMMER INTERVENTION (Rep. Sarah LaTourette, Rep. Kent Smith) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

HB87COMMUNITY SCHOOL PUBLIC MONEYS (Rep. Kristina Roegner) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee

HB89 AUGUST SALES TAX HOLIDAY (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB98 CAREER INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Kristin Boggs) Regarding the presentation of career information to students

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective June 29, 2018

HB102 SCHOOL FUNDING REFORM (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To replace locally levied school district property taxes with a statewide property tax and require recipients of certain tax exemptions to reimburse the state for such levy revenue lost due to those exemptions; to increase the state sales and use tax rates and allocate additional revenue to state education purposes; to repeal school district income taxes; to require the Treasurer of State to issue general obligation bonds to refund certain school district debt obligations; to create a new system of funding schools where the state pays a specified amount per student that each student may use to attend the public or chartered nonpublic school of the student's choice, without the requirement of a local contribution; to eliminate the School Facilities Commission; to eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program, Pilot Project Scholarship Program, Autism Scholarship Program, and Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program; to eliminate interdistrict open enrollment; to require educational service centers to transport students on a countywide basis; and to permit school districts to enter into a memoranda of understanding for one district to manage another

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB103 FISCAL EMERGENCY PROVISIONS (Rep. William Reineke) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective October 17, 2017

HB108 INFORMED STUDENT DOCUMENT ACT (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Robert McColley) To require one-half unit of financial literacy in the high school curriculum, to require the Chancellor of Higher Education to prepare an informed student document for each institution of higher education, to require the State Board of Education to include information on the informed student document in the standards and model curricula it creates for financial literacy and entrepreneurship, and to entitle the act the "Informed Student Document Act"

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Bill amended

HB110 COLLEGE CREDIT APPRENTICESHIPS (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Bill Dean) To create a subprogram of the College Credit Plus Program that permits students to participate in certified apprenticeship programs

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Bill amended

HB118 TAX COMPLAINT DISMISSAL (Rep. Derek Merrin) To expressly prohibit the dismissal of a property tax complaint for failure to correctly identify the property owner

STATUS: (Passed by House) Passed by Senate, Vote 32-0

HB124 VOCATIONAL SCHOOL TAX LEVY (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Rick Carfagna) To authorize a joint vocational school district to submit the question of a renewal tax levy to voters who did not have an opportunity to vote on the levy at an election held in November of 2015 because the levy was only placed on the ballot in one of several counties in which the district has territory

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately

HB129 SCHOOL EXTERNSHIPS-GOVERNOR (Rep. Kent Smith, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To require the Governor to complete a forty-hour externship consisting of on-site work experience in city, local, and exempted village school districts in the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years

STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee

HB134 SCHOOL COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Darrell Kick) To allow community improvements board grants to a school district to be spent for permanent improvements outside the county so long as the improvements are within the school district

STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended

HB163 PREVAILING WAGE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (Rep. Kristina Roegner, Rep. Craig Riedel) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects

STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee

HB166 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM REVISIONS (Rep. William Reineke, Rep. Bob Cupp) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB170 COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION (Rep. Rick Carfagna, Rep. Mike Duffey)

With regard to academic content standards and curriculum requirements for computer science; to revise educator qualifications regarding computer science; and to authorize public schools to establish computer science and technology funds

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective March 23, 2018

HB176 SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS (Rep. Andrew Thompson) With regard to state achievement assessments, statewide academic content standards and model curricula, and teacher and administrator evaluations

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Bill amended

HB179 IMMIGRATION LAW COMPLIANCE (Rep. Candice Keller) To require state and local authorities to cooperate with the federal government in the enforcement of immigration laws, to prohibit a local government that fails to do so from receiving certain state funds, to provide for the removal of officers of a local government that fails to do so, and to declare an emergency

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB181 ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT STANDARDS (Rep. Ron Hood, Rep. Tom Brinkman) With regard to the state academic content standards and primary and secondary education assessments

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB186 COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION (Rep. John Rogers, Rep. Gary Scherer) To enact the "Blair Deduction" to allow an individual obtaining a postsecondary degree or credential from an eligible educational institution to claim an income tax deduction for qualified higher education expenses

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB200 OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION (Koehler, K) - To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Bill amended

HB203 YOUTH SUMMER JOBS INITIATIVE (Barnes, Jr., J) - To require the Director of Development Services to establish a youth summer jobs pledging initiative to increase access to summer employment opportunities for high school and college youth

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Bill amended

HB217 COLLEGE APPLICATIONS-DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To prohibit institutions of higher education from requiring students to disclose disciplinary actions on their applications for admission

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB220 NONPUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDS (Rep. David Leland) With regard to the use of funds by community schools and nonpublic schools

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB224 RE-SERVING SCHOOL LUNCH ITEMS (Rep. Catherine Ingram) To permit districts and schools to re-serve time- and temperature-controlled food items to students if items are unused and returned unopened, undamaged, and in the original packaging

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB227 LICENSE PLATE-KENSTON LOCAL SCHOOLS (Rep. Sarah LaTourette) To create the "Kenston Local Schools" license plate

STATUS: House Transportation & Public Safety Committee – Reported out as amended

HB235 EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT PROCEDURE (Rep. Theresa Gavarone) Regarding procedures for approval or disapproval of the state education plan for the federal Every Student Succeeds Act

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee

HB237 MULTICOUNTY LOCAL ELECTIONS (Rep. Dorothy Pelanda) To require a political subdivision with territory in more than one county that places an issue on the ballot to notify the board of elections of every county in which the political subdivision has territory, to require the Secretary of State to establish a database to facilitate communication between the boards of elections and the Secretary concerning local elections, and to make an appropriation

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB240 RESPECT YOUR DATE ACT (Barnes, Jr. J) To enact the "Respect Your Date Act" to designate the month of April as "Respect Your Date Month" and to require each state institution of higher education to adopt a policy regarding dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and rape on campus and to declare an emergency

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Reported out as amended

HB242 SCHOOL RETIREMENT-COST OF LIVING (Rep. Rick Carfagna) Regarding School Employees Retirement System annual cost-of-living adjustments

STATUS: House Aging & Long Term Care Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB246 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY CLASSROOMS (Rep. John Bocchieri, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to provide funding to certain county boards of developmental disabilities to assist in the acquisition of classroom facilities

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB262 INDEPENDENT BUDGET PROCESS (Rep. James Butler, Jr., Rep. Mark Romanchuk) To provide for the preparation of a state biennial budget independent of that submitted by the Governor and to authorize the Legislative Service Commission, upon the request of the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the President of the Senate, to arrange for an independent actuarial review of a proposed bill, specified analyses of economic policy initiatives and state benchmarking data, and a study of the state's long-range financial outlook

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB298 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE SICK DAYS (Rep. Derek Merrin) To make changes with respect to the number of sick days provided to public employees

STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee

HB312 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CREDIT CARDS (Rep. Kirk Schuring, Rep. Dave Greenspan) Regarding use of credit cards and debit cards by political subdivisions

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB318 SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER DEFINITION (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Sarah LaTourette) To define the necessary qualifications and responsibilities of school resource officers

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Finance Committee

HB322 SCHOOL EMERGENCY PLANS (Rep. Adam Miller, Rep. Bernadine Kent) To revise the law regarding emergency management plans and school safety drills; to require each educational service center to employ an emergency response planner; to make an appropriation; and to declare an emergency

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB337 TEXTBOOK SALES TAX EXEMPTION (Rep. Mike Duffey) To exempt from sales and use tax textbooks purchased by post-secondary students

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee – Reported out as amended

HB338 BUS DRIVER MEDICAL EXAMS (Rep. Tim Ginter) Regarding medical examinations for school bus drivers

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

HB342 LOCAL TAX ISSUES-ELECTION DATES (Rep. Derek Merrin) To permit local tax-related proposals to appear only on general and primary election ballots and not on an August special election ballot and to modify the information conveyed in election notices and ballot language for property tax levies

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee – Reported out as amended

HB343 PROPERTY VALUE CONTEST-RESOLUTIONS (Rep. Derek Merrin) To require local governments that contest property values to formally pass an authorizing resolution for each contest and to notify property owners
STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Ways & Means Committee

HB360 ANTI-BULLYING AND HAZING (Rep. Dave Greenspan) To enact the "Ohio Anti-Bullying and Hazing Act" with regard to school discipline and bullying and hazing policies at public schools and public colleges
STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee

HB361 PROPERTY TAX COMPLAINTS TIMEFRAME (Rep. Dave Greenspan) To increase the time within which boards of revision must decide property tax complaints
STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee – Bill amended

HB363 CAMPUS FREE SPEECH (Rep. Rick Carfagna, Rep. Andrew Brenner) To enact the "Campus Free Speech Act" with respect to the freedom of speech and assembly at state institutions of higher education and the charging and allocation of student activity fees
STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB369 PER PUPIL FUNDING GUARANTEE (Rep. Martin Sweeney) To prescribe a per pupil funding guarantee for certain school districts and to make an appropriation
STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB377 CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE EDUCATION (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Dan Ramos) With respect to age-appropriate student instruction in child sexual abuse and sexual violence prevention and in-service staff training in child sexual abuse prevention
STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB378 OHIO BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT (Rep. Ryan Smith, Rep. Jack Cera) To create the Ohio Broadband Development Grant Program and to make an appropriation
STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Finance Committee

HB383 CHILD CARE HEALTH & SAFETY RISKS (Rep. Rick Carfagna) Regarding parental notice of serious risks to the health or safety of children receiving child care
STATUS: House Community & Family Advancement Committee – Reported out

HB396 STEM DEGREE LOAN REPAYMENT (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Rick Carfagna) To create the STEM Degree Loan Repayment Program and to make an appropriation

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB399 HEALTH INSURANCE SAVINGS INCENTIVES (Rep. Michael Henne, Rep. James Butler, Jr.) To enact the Ohio Right to Shop Act to require health insurers to establish shared savings incentive programs for enrollees

STATUS: House Health Committee

HB413 PERS ADJUSTMENT-DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES EMPLOYEES (Rep. Gary Scherer) Regarding Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) annual cost-of-living adjustments granted to allowance and benefit recipients and PERS service credit for services as a nonteaching school employee of a county board of developmental disabilities

STATUS: House Aging & Long Term Care Committee

HB418 SCHOOL RECORDS TRANSFER (Rep. Catherine Ingram) To require a public or chartered nonpublic school to transmit a student's records within five business days when the student transfers to another school

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB426 SCHOOL SEXUAL CONDUCT (Rep. Christina Hagan) To prohibit an employee of a school or institution of higher education who is not in a position of authority from engaging in sexual conduct with certain students

STATUS: House Criminal Justice Committee

HB428 STUDENT RELIGIOUS LIBERTIES ACT (Rep. Tim Ginter, Rep. Sarah LaTourette) Regarding student religious expression and to entitle the act the "Ohio Student Religious Liberties Act of 2018"

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB432 STUDENT LOAN OMBUDSMAN & LICENSURE (Rep. Kristin Boggs, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To require student loan servicers to be licensed by the Division of Financial Institutions and to create the position of student loan ombudsperson in the Division of Financial Institutions to provide assistance to student loan borrowers

STATUS: House Financial Institutions, Housing & Urban Development Committee

HB438 ESC ANNEXATION (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Darrell Kick) To permit the addition of appointed members to educational service center boards and to permit a local school district to sever its territory from one educational service center and annex that territory to an adjacent service center under specified conditions

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee – Reported out as amended

HB442 SCHOOL ATHLETICS-F1 VISA (Rep. Niraj Antani) To authorize any student from a country or province outside the United States who attends an elementary or secondary school in Ohio and holds an F-1 visa to participate in interscholastic athletics at that school on the same basis as Ohio residents

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB443 MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION (Rep. Martin Sweeney) To require school district boards of education to incorporate mental health instruction into their health education curricula

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB449 CHARTER SCHOOL SPONSOR RATINGS-UNIVERSITIES (Rep. John Rogers, Rep. John Patterson) To require the Department of Education to attribute any community school sponsor ratings an entity received during its relationship with a state university board of trustees to that entity even if it no longer has a relationship with the university

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB477 ELIMINATE EDUCATION PROGRAMS (Rep. Kyle Koehler) To eliminate various provisions and programs related to the Department of Education and the operation of primary and secondary schools

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Reported out

HB487 RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL-COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (Rep. Catherine Ingram) To eliminate the right of first refusal for community schools, college-preparatory boarding schools, and science, technology, engineering, and mathematics schools in the acquisition of school district real property

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB488 PROPERTY TAX LEVY-BALLOT LANGUAGE (Rep. Ron Hood, Rep. John Becker) To modify the information conveyed in election notices and ballot language for property tax levies

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB491 SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS-SPECIFIED SERVICES (Rep. Jay Edwards) To require the State Board of Education to issue a substitute license to specified pupil services personnel

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Reported out as amended

HB502 YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING-PUBLIC (Rep. Marlene Anielski) With regard to educator in-service training on youth suicide awareness and prevention in public schools

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB503 YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING-PRIVATE (Rep. Marlene Anielski) With regard to educator in-service training on youth suicide awareness and prevention in private schools

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB508 OHIOCORPS PILOT PROJECT (Rep. Scott Ryan, Rep. William Reineke) To establish the OhioCorps Pilot Project and to make an appropriation

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Finance Committee

HB512 CONSOLIDATE CAREER-EDUCATION GOVERNANCE (Rep. William Reineke) To establish the Department of Learning and Achievement; to abolish the Department of Higher Education, the position of the Chancellor of Higher Education, and the Ohio Board of Regents; to transfer, with exceptions, the duties regarding the administration of primary and secondary education programs and all duties regarding the administration of higher education programs to the Department of Learning and Achievement; and to prescribe certain duties regarding educator licensure, community school sponsorship, and other education programs for the State Board of Education, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Department of Education

STATUS: House Government Oversight & Accountability Committee

HB517 MONTH DESIGNATION-OHIO PRINCIPALS (Rep. Tim Schaffer, Rep. David Leland) To designate the month of October as "Ohio Principals Month."

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Reported out

HB524 529 CONTRIBUTIONS IN OTHER STATES (Rep. Gary Scherer, Rep. John Patterson) To expand the income tax deduction allowed for contributions to Ohio's 529 college savings program to include contributions to 529 programs established by other states

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB526 VOLUNTEER SCHOOL SECURITY (Rep. Anthony DeVitis, Rep. Martin Sweeney) To authorize a public or chartered nonpublic school to enter into an agreement with a volunteer law enforcement officer to patrol school premises to prevent or respond to a mass casualty event, to provide the parties with a qualified immunity from civil liability, and to provide a tax credit for volunteer service

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB529 CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS (Rep. Scott Ryan) To make capital appropriations and changes to the law governing capital projects and to make reappropriations for the biennium ending June 30, 2020

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective June 29, 2018

HB538 TAXES TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND INCREASE (Rep. Jack Cera, Rep. John Rogers) To increase the proportion of state tax revenue allocated to the Local Government Fund from 1.66% to 3.53% beginning July 1, 2019

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB540 TEACHER EVALUATIONS (Rep. Theresa Gavarone, Rep. Nathan Manning)

With regard to teacher evaluations

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Bill amended

HB544 STATE BOARD-ADOPT SCHOOL SAFETY STANDARDS (Rep. John Rogers, Rep. Rick Perales) To require the State Board of Education to adopt rules prescribing standards for safety enhancements to new public and nonpublic school facilities and to require the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission to revise its construction and design standards to comply with the State Board's standards

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB547 PERS- DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SCHOOL EMPLOYEE (Rep. Jay Edwards) Regarding Public Employees Retirement System service credit for services as a nonteaching school employee of a county board of development disabilities

STATUS: House Aging & Long Term Care Committee

HB549 SCHOOL OPENINGS-AFTER LABOR DAY (Rep. Steve Arndt) To generally require public and chartered nonpublic schools to open for instruction after Labor Day

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB559 IMMUNIZATION-SCHOOLS (Rep. Anne Gonzales, Rep. Al Landis) To make changes to the law governing immunization of children enrolled in school, preschool programs, and day-care programs

STATUS: House Health Committee – Bill amended

HB572 PERS- DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SCHOOL EMPLOYEE (Rep. Gary Scherer, Rep. Stephanie Howse) Regarding Public Employees Retirement System service credit for services as a nonteaching school employee of a county board of developmental disabilities

STATUS: House Aging & Long Term Care Committee

HB591 STATE REPORT CARD REVISIONS (Rep. Mike Duffey) To revise the state report card rating system for school districts and public schools

STATUS: Referred to House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB594 PAYMENTS MUNICIPAL CORPS/SCHOOLS BUSINESS LAYOFFS (Rep. Dan Ramos) Enacts section 131.46 of the Revised Code to provide for payments to municipalities or school districts for their lost income tax revenue after a business lays off 50 or more employees within their jurisdiction

STATUS: Referred to House State & Local Government Committee

HB603 IN-STATE TUITION-MILITARY SERVICE (Rep. Rick Perales) To grant residency status for in-state tuition purposes at state institutions of higher education to all military service members who are on active duty and to their spouses and dependents

STATUS: Referred to House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB605 OVERTIME LAW EXEPTION (Rep. Brigid Kelly, Rep. Kent Smith) To raise the salary threshold above which certain employees are exempt from the overtime law

STATUS: Referred to House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee

HB609 EXPULSION-THREAT OF VIOLENCE (Rep. Jim Hughes) With respect to the expulsion of a student from a school district, community school, or STEM school for communicating a threat of violence to occur on school grounds

STATUS: Referred to House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB611 ONLINE SCHOOL PAYMENT (Rep. Keith Faber, Rep. Kristina Roegner) To condition payment from the Department of Education to an Internet or computer-based community school on the school's use of automatically verifiable software that tracks attendance, class size, and participation

STATUS: Referred to House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB619 UNBORN CHILD EDUCATION (Rep. Niraj Antani) To require the development of an instructional program and educational and informational materials and the dissemination of those materials to protect the humanity of the unborn child and to make an appropriation

STATUS: Referred to House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB620 REGULATION REDUCTION (Rep. Kristina Roegner, Rep. Craig Riedel) To require agencies to reduce the number of regulatory restrictions

STATUS: Referred to House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB626 MORATORIUM-ACADEMIC DISTRESS COMMISSIONS (Rep. Kent Smith, Rep. Teresa Fedor) To establish a moratorium on the creation of new academic distress commissions

STATUS: Referred to House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB628 RESIDENT EDUCATOR LICENSES (Rep. Dick Stein, Rep. Wes Retherford) With regard to qualifications for obtaining a resident educator license

STATUS: Referred to House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB630 ALTERNATIVE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS EXTENSION (Rep. Tavia Galonski) To extend the alternative graduation requirements for two additional years

STATUS: Referred to House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB635 SCHOOL LICENSE PLATE PROGRAM (Rep. Dan Ramos) To create a school license plate program

STATUS: Referred to House Transportation & Public Safety Committee

HB652 LOVING STATE INDEX (Rep. Stephanie Howse) To create the Loving State Index and the Loving State Index Commission to evaluate and rank municipal corporations in Ohio regarding critical supports that are vital to student academic success in order to identify gaps in opportunity for low-income individuals and minority individuals

STATUS: Introduced

HB654 APPROPRIATION-DISBURSEMENTS TO SUBDIVISIONS (Rep. Kent Smith, Rep. Kristin Boggs) To make a supplemental appropriation under the budget of the Auditor of State to make disbursements to political subdivisions appearing on the Auditor of State's fiscal caution, fiscal watch, or fiscal emergency list during the FY 2018-FY 2019 biennium

STATUS: Introduced

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SB3 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (Sen. Bill Beagle, Sen. Troy Balderson) To designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week

STATUS: (Passed by Senate) Passed by House, Vote 93-1; Senate concurs, Vote 32-0

SB5 INCREASING INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS (Sen. Jay Hottinger, Sen. John Eklund) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to college savings accounts and disability expense savings accounts to \$10,000 annually for each beneficiary, to create the Joint Committee on Ohio College Affordability, and to declare an emergency

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0; Emergency clause, Vote 32-1

SB8 SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNOLOGY (Sen. Randy Gardner, Sen. Louis Terhar) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective March 23, 2018

SB9 AUGUST TAX HOLIDAY (Sen. Kevin Bacon) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately

SB10PRIMARY ELECTION REQUIREMENTS (Sen. Frank LaRose) To expand the circumstances under which a board of elections or the secretary of state is not required to hold a primary election

STATUS: (Passed by Senate) House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee – Substitute bill accepted

SB15 COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require community colleges, state community colleges, technical colleges, and university branches to comply with minority business enterprise set-aside requirements, and to require the Director of Administrative Services to establish guidelines for these entities, and the Northeast Ohio Medical University, to establish procurement goals for contracting with EDGE business enterprises

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB17LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND ALLOCATION (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To increase monthly allocations to the Local Government Fund from 1.66% to 3.68% of the total tax revenue credited to the General Revenue Fund each month

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB22INCORPORATING FEDERAL REVENUE CHANGES (Sen. Bob Peterson) To expressly incorporate changes in the Internal Revenue Code since February 14, 2016, into Ohio law

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately

SB34SCHOOL YEARS (Sen. Gayle Manning) To generally require public and chartered nonpublic schools to open for instruction after Labor Day

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB36AGRICULTURAL COMPUTATION (Sen. Cliff Hite) To require that the computation of the capitalization rate for the purposes of determining CAUV of agricultural land be computed using a method that excludes appreciation and equity buildup and to stipulate that CAUV land used for a conservation practice or enrolled in a federal land retirement or conservation program for at least three years must be valued at the lowest of the values assigned on the basis of soil type

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0

SB39COMMUNITY SCHOOL OPERATION (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) Regarding community school operator contracts, the operation of Internet- and computer-based community schools, and performance metrics for blended learning schools

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB54SUMMER FOOD PROGRAMS (Sen. Edna Brown, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to

use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB72PREVAILING WAGE LAW (Sen. Matt Huffman) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB79STATE DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW SCHEDULE (Sen. Kris Jordan) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 24-9

SB82SCHOOL ABSENCES-PARENTAL NOTIFICATION (Sen. Sandra Williams, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require a public school to place a telephone call within one hour of the start of the school day to a parent whose child is absent without legitimate excuse

STATUS: (Passed by Senate) Referred to House Education & Career Readiness Committee

SB85OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION (Sen. Matt Huffman) To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB88SUBDIVISION COMMISSIONS-FISCAL EMERGENCY (Sen. Louis Terhar) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0

SB97 REGIONAL STUDY COMMITTEE CREATION (Sen. Frank LaRose, Sen. Kenny Yuko) To establish a Regional Economic Development Alliance Study Committee to study the benefits and challenges involved in creating regional economic development alliances

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB104 PROHIBIT SECLUSION USE-SCHOOLS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To prohibit the use of seclusion on students in public schools

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB105 MONTH DESIGNATION-OHIO PRINCIPALS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To designate the month of October as "Ohio Principals Month"

STATUS: (Passed by Senate) House Education & Career Readiness Committee

SB111 SCHOOL ZONE SIGN LIGHTS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require school zones to be indicated by signs equipped with flashing or other lights or that indicate the times during which the restrictive speed limit is enforced, and to make an appropriation

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB123 PROPERTY TAX COMPLAINT PROCESS (Sen. William Coley) To limit the right to initiate most types of property tax complaints to the property owner and the county recorder of the county in which the property is located

STATUS: Senate Ways & Means Committee

SB124 COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY GRANTS (Sen. Sandra Williams) To qualify students in noncredit community college and career and technical programs for Ohio College Opportunity Grants and to require the awarding of academic credit for community colleges' career certification programs

STATUS: Senate Finance Higher Education Subcommittee

SB133 STUDENT DISCIPLINE-VIOLENT BEHAVIOR (Sen. Frank LaRose) To require the Education Management Information System to include information regarding persons at whom a student's violent behavior that resulted in discipline was directed and to require the Department of Education to submit a one-time report to the General Assembly regarding that information

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB140 PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP GRANTS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To create the Public-Private Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to develop, enhance, and promote educational programs to address regional workforce needs; to create the Sector Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to identify and provide grants to industry partnerships; to support programs that improve access to workforce training opportunities for students; to support economic development and revitalization programs; and to make an appropriation

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB149 ELECTION POLLING PLACES-SCHOOLS (Sen. Frank LaRose) Regarding the use of a school district building as a polling place for elections

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB151 SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ADJUSTMENTS (Sen. Cliff Hite) To permit, rather than require, the School Employees Retirement System to grant annual cost-of-living adjustments to retirement, disability, and survivor benefit recipients and to reduce the maximum amount of the adjustment

STATUS: Senate Insurance & Financial Institutions Committee

SB172 HUNGER-FREE STUDENTS RIGHTS (Sen. Kenny Yuko) To establish the Hunger-Free Students' Bill of Rights Act to require schools to provide certain services to students who are eligible for free or reduced price meals

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB175 RECOVERED FUNDS-SCHOOL AUDIT (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB191 ESTABLISH SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAMS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To establish the Breakfast After The Bell Program for public schools

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB196 AGGRAVATED BULLYING-OFFENSE CREATION (Sen. Sandra Williams, Sen. Edna Brown) To create the offense of aggravated bullying, a third-degree misdemeanor

STATUS: Senate Judiciary Committee

SB197 SCHOOL DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES (Sen. Sandra Williams, Sen. Edna Brown) To require a tiered disciplinary procedure for harassment, intimidation, or bullying in school; to require annual student instruction about preventing such acts; and to create the offense of aggravated bullying as a third-degree misdemeanor

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB199 OHIO BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni, Sen. Cliff Hite) To create the Ohio Broadband Development Grant Program and to make an appropriation

STATUS: Introduced

SB203 MUNICIPAL TAX RULE REINSTATEMENT (Sen. Matt Dolan) To reinstate the municipal income tax "throw-back rule" used in apportioning business income among municipalities

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB209 PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS-TIF (Sen. William Coley, Sen. John Eklund) To modify the conditions that determine the relative priority of property tax exemptions when a parcel subject to a tax increment financing arrangement concurrently qualifies for another exemption

STATUS: Senate Ways & Means Committee

SB213 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDING PLAN (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To enhance economic and employment opportunities and improve local infrastructure in Ohio by providing additional assistance to workforce development and employment programs; establishing a revolving loan program for small businesses seeking to

expand operations; extending job tax credits to smaller businesses; enabling expanded participation in public sector contracting by smaller companies; enhancing support for childcare centers; funding additional local infrastructure and public transit; authorizing tax incentives for hiring military veterans, for donating money to local programs assisting distressed communities, or for improving distressed property; exempting the homes of disabled veterans from property taxation; terminating the income tax deduction and reduced tax rate for business income; and to make an appropriation

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB216 PUBLIC SCHOOL DEREGULATION ACT (Sen. Matt Huffman) To enact the "Ohio Public School Deregulation Act" regarding the administration of preschool and primary and secondary education programs

STATUS: (Passed by Senate) House Education & Career Readiness Committee

SB225 OHIO BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni, Sen. John Eklund) To create the Ohio Broadband Development Grant Program and to make an appropriation

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB226 SALES TAX HOLIDAY-SCHOOL SAFETY (Sen. Kevin Bacon) To provide for a permanent three-day sales tax "holiday" each August during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use tax, to authorize a county school financing district property tax for school safety, security, and mental health services, and to declare an emergency

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately

SB239 REGIONAL COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENTS (Sen. Matt Dolan) To modify the law concerning regional councils of governments

STATUS: (Passed by Senate) Referred to House State & Local Government Committee

SB240 REGARDING TEACHER EVALUATIONS (Sen. Peggy Lehner) With regard to teacher evaluations

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB241 ACCREDITED NONPUBLIC SCHOOL CATEGORY (Sen. Louis Terhar, Sen. Cecil Thomas) To establish a category of nonpublic schools called "accredited nonpublic schools" and to prescribe requirements and exemptions for such schools

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB246 STUDENT SAFETY ACT (Sen. Peggy Lehner, Sen. Gayle Manning) To enact the "SAFE Act" to revise the procedures for emergency removal of a student, to prohibit certain suspensions and expulsions of students in grades prekindergarten through three, to require each public school to implement a positive behavior

intervention and supports framework in accordance with state standards, and to make an appropriation

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee – Reported out as amended; Passed by Senate, Vote 32-0

SB258 AWARDING SCHOOL SAFETY FUNDS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To require the State Board of Education to establish criteria and procedures for the awarding of school safety funds to school districts and to make an appropriation

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB262 EATING DISORDER EDUCATION (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require public schools annually to provide parents of students in any of grades five through twelve with educational information regarding eating disorders

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB266 CAPITAL BUDGET (Sen. Scott Oelslager) To make capital appropriations and changes to the law governing capital projects and to make reappropriations for the biennium ending June 30, 2020

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB276 EXPULSION OF STUDENTS (Sen. Jay Hottinger) With respect to the expulsion of a student from a school district, community school, or STEM school for actions that endanger the health and safety of other students or school employees

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB287 K-12 HEALTH EDUCATION STANDARDS (Sen. Vernon Sykes) To require the State Board of Education to develop and adopt health education standards for grades kindergarten through twelve and to require only venereal disease education standards and curriculum adopted by the State Board to be approved by concurrent resolution of the General Assembly

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB289 THREATS OF SCHOOL VIOLENCE (Sen. Stephanie Kunze) With respect to the expulsion of a student from a school district, community school, or STEM school for communicating a threat of violence to occur on school grounds

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB293 REDUCTION OF AGENCY REGULATIONS (Sen. Bob Peterson, Sen. Robert McColley) To require agencies to reduce the number of regulatory restrictions

STATUS: Senate Transportation, Commerce & Workforce Committee

SB294 PILOT PROJECT SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNTS (Sen. John Eklund, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To increase the maximum amount that may be awarded to students under the Pilot Project (Cleveland) Scholarship Program

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 1, 2018
FROM: Christopher Woolard, Senior Executive Director
TO: State Board of Education Members
RE: Establishment of the chronic absenteeism improvement indicator

The **Chronic Absenteeism (CA) Improvement Indicator** was approved by the Accountability and Continuous Improvement Committee at its April 2018 committee meeting. This memorandum provides an overview of the Indicators Met measure and the history of how it has been calculated. Additionally, this memorandum describes the purpose for the new Chronic Absenteeism (CA) Improvement Indicator and how it will be calculated. Attached is a proposed resolution for your consideration to recommend the adoption of the Chronic Absenteeism (CA) Improvement Indicator beginning with the report card for the 2017-2018 school year.

Overview

Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 3302.02 requires that the State Board of Education (Board) establish a set of performance indicators as one of the performance categories for the report card. The 'Indicators Met' measure represents student performance on state tests and the Gifted Indicator. The Indicators Met measure includes up to 26 indicators that measure the percent of students proficient or higher in a specific grade and subject, as well as a gifted indicator and end-of-course improvement indicator. The Indicators Met measure contributes to the graded Achievement Component.

Ohio has reported chronic absenteeism data on its school and district report cards since the 2014-2015 school year. In the current system, a school or district's chronic absenteeism rate appears on the report card on the "District Details" page, but it is not a graded measure. In Ohio's approved Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) plan, the state selected chronic absenteeism as the state's measure of school quality or student success because there is a significant body of research around student attendance and the impact of chronic absenteeism on academic performance. Research supports that chronic absenteeism, defined as missing at least 10 percent of the instructional time for any reason—excused or unexcused absences—is one of the primary causes of low academic achievement. Beginning in 2017-2018, the Chronic Absenteeism improvement indicator will contribute to the Indicators Met measure within the achievement component.

Indicators Met Measure Overview

Ohio's Indicators Met is the second measure that contributes to the Achievement component. The Indicators Met measure reports how many students have at least a minimum, or proficient, level of knowledge. The measure is currently made up of up to 26 indicators. The indicators are based on a series of state tests that measure the proficiency level for each student in a grade and subject. All state tests, in all grades and subjects, are included in this measure.

There are currently two additional indicators in this measure not based directly on a grade and subject-specific proficiency evaluation. These include the Gifted Indicator and the End-of-Course Improvement Indicator.

Chronic Absenteeism Improvement Indicator

ESSA required a new measure of school quality or student success to be included as a graded element in state accountability systems. This measure must (1) allow for meaningful differentiation in school performance, and (2) be valid, reliable, comparable, and statewide. In Ohio's approved ESSA plan, the state proposed using chronic absenteeism as this measure of school quality or student success.

Research by Georgetown University found that 36 states and the District of Columbia are including chronic absenteeism in their accountability systems per state ESSA plans. As of September 2017, 10 states have identified long-term goals at or below the 5 percent threshold.

It is important for every student in Ohio to attend school every day. Missing too much school has long-term, negative effects on students, such as lower achievement and graduation rates. When students are not at school, they cannot benefit from the instructional resources and supports schools provide. Students miss school for many different reasons, such as chronic health issues, family commitments, lack of social and emotional support, or safety issues. Whether excused or unexcused, missing too much school has detrimental effects on a student's learning trajectory.

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Districts can positively impact their students' attendance and thereby promote greater student success. Chronic absenteeism often reflects larger barriers the student is facing that may inhibit the student's academic performance. Utilizing community partnerships to address non-academic barriers can increase the district capacity while providing services to students and their families. Districts with high levels of chronic absenteeism, such as Ohio's urban and rural districts, can help every student get to school every day by using data to identify students with the most need and more effectively target resources (i.e., setting school and districtwide attendance goals, establishing a positive and engaging school climate, personalized early outreach, connecting students to an attendance mentor, etc.).

Schools and districts will meet the indicator if they meet the established threshold or show improvement from the previous year.

1. **Meet or exceed the goal;** or
2. **Meet an improvement standard** relative to the starting point of each school or district.

Pathway 1: Meet or exceed the goal

In the State Plan submitted to the U.S. Department of Education, the long-term goal is to decrease Ohio's chronic absenteeism rate to 5.0 percent by the 2025-2026 school year. As part of Ohio's ESSA plan, a series of interim targets leading to the long-term goal were also submitted and approved. To meet the goal outright, a school or district must have a chronic absenteeism rate at or below the target rate for the corresponding school year:

School Year	Target Goal
2017-2018	13.6%
2018-2019	12.6%
2019-2020	11.5%
2020-2021	10.4%
2021-2022	9.3%
2022-2023	8.2%
2023-2024	7.2%
2024-2025	6.1%
2025-2026	5.0%

Pathway 2: Meet an improvement standard relative to the starting point of each school or district

Schools and districts can meet the Chronic Absenteeism indicator by showing improvement, by decreasing their chronic absenteeism rate from one year to the next – regardless of its prior year rate. The expected improvement will be based on the starting point of each school or district as shown below. *However, schools and districts can meet the improvement standard with either option below regardless of their starting point rate.*

Baseline Chronic Absenteeism	Improvement Standard
36.7% or higher	1.1 percentage point
Lower than 36.7%	3%

The two improvement standards allow for attainable improvement for all schools and districts – regardless of its baseline or prior year rate. The emphasis is to highlight the data and provide crucial supports to students in an effort to increase achievement.

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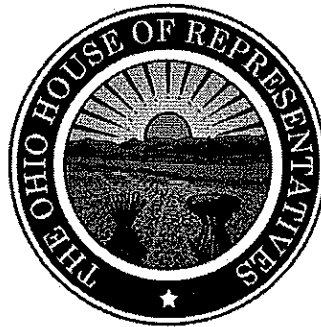
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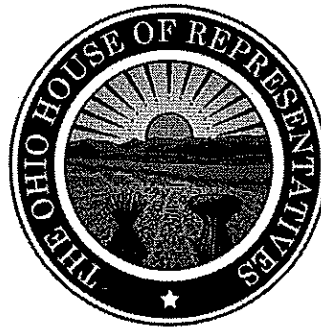
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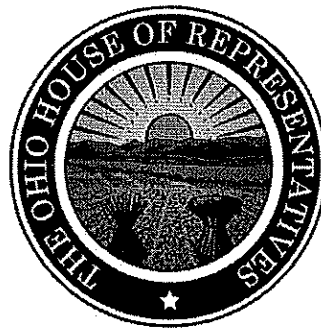
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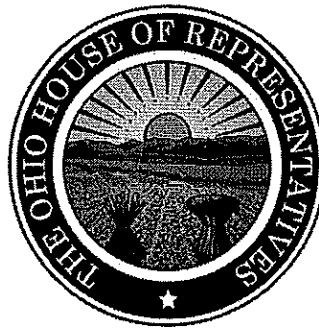
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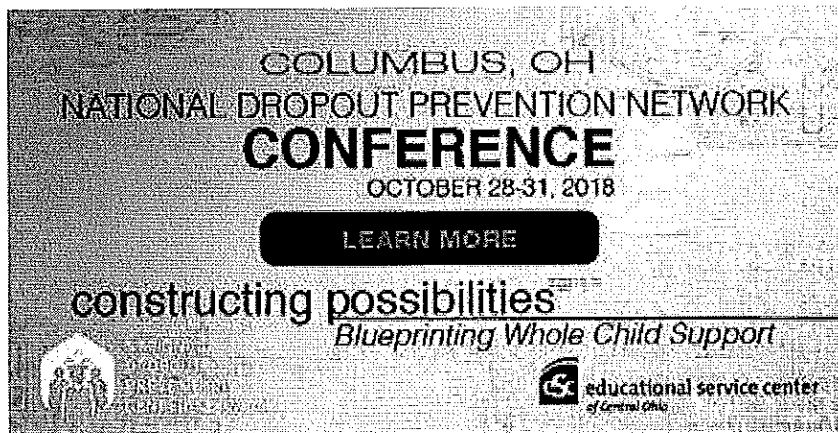
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From: Joseph Weitz

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Subject: Weekly Wrap 5/25/18 - A service of the ESC of Central Ohio - Central Ohio Growth; Technology First Initiative; Credential Transparency; Condition of Education 2018

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CENTRAL OHIO GROWTH – *The U.S. Census Bureau released new population estimates for cities, villages and townships. Columbus was ranked 8th in the country and 1st in the Midwest for largest numeric population increase between July 1, 2016 and July 1, 2017. In Ohio, seven of the state's fastest-growing cities are in Franklin County or an adjoining county, and five of them are mostly within Franklin County.*

Census Bureau Reveals Fastest Growing Large Cities – U.S. Census Bureau

- Eight of the 15 cities or towns with the largest population gains were located in the South in 2017, with three of the top five in Texas, according to new population estimates released today by the U.S. Census Bureau
- Columbus is 8th overall and first in the Midwest

Delaware County Growth Heading North – Columbus Dispatch

- As homes and businesses continue their surge into southern Delaware County, plans for growth are creeping into the more northern townships

Columbus Retains Position as 14th-Largest City, For Now – Columbus Dispatch

- In Ohio, the numbers also show continued growth for central Ohio communities. Seven of the state's fastest-growing cities are in Franklin County or an adjoining county, and five of them are mostly within Franklin County

GOV. KASICH SIGNS TECHNOLOGY FIRST EXECUTIVE ORDER

– *Governor John Kasich signed an executive order launching the "Technology First" initiative. The initiative is the product of efforts launched in the*

Governor's last budget that called upon the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities to explore the use of technology such as apps, cell phones, smart pads, and smart speakers to augment the supports delivered by caregivers. The executive order also will create a new council to make recommendations, set benchmarks and foster partnerships that will help to expand the use of supportive technology for Ohioans with developmental disabilities.

Kasich Signs Executive Order to Put New Technologies to Work for Ohioans with Developmental Disabilities – Governor of Ohio

- Ohioans with developmental disabilities will now have the opportunity to improve their lives with the help of innovative supportive technologies thanks to the new "Technology First" initiative launched today by an executive order signed by Gov. John R. Kasich

Robot Joins Gov. John Kasich to Sign Executive Order Prioritizing Technology for People with Disabilities – Cleveland Plain Dealer

- Smart wheelchairs, speakers that can turn on lights and other technology will be considered as part of care plans for Ohioans with developmental disabilities under an executive order signed Thursday by Gov. John Kasich

OHIO JOINS CREDENTIAL TRANSPARENCY PROJECT –

Credential Engine announced a new partnership with Ohio, led by the Ohio Department of Higher Education, to bring credential transparency, develop credential literacy, improve alignment between credential offerings and outcomes, and inform state practices, programs, and policies by harnessing data that helps students, workers, and citizens make strategic credentialing decisions. Credential Engine is a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating credential transparency, revealing the credential marketplace, increasing credential literacy, and empowering everyone to make more informed decisions about credentials and their value

Credential Engine Partners with Kansas, Michigan, and Ohio to Increase Credential Transparency – ODHE

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Ohio Joins Multi-State Partnership Promoting Credential Transparency – Hannah

- Ohio, along with Kansas and Michigan, has been chosen to join a new partnership centered on promoting transparency in occupational credentials, the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE) announced

Success Network – ESC of Central Ohio

- We aim to empower educational institutions, businesses, communities and leaders to create and provide accessibility for our future generations to succeed

FEDS RELEASE CONDITION OF EDUCATION 2018 - *The U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics released its annual The Condition of Education report. The report includes data on key education indicators from prekindergarten through postsecondary, as well as labor force outcomes and international comparisons.*

The Condition of Education 2018 – USDOE/IES/NCES

- This website contains key indicators on the condition of education in the United States at all levels, from prekindergarten through postsecondary, as well as labor force outcomes and international comparisons. The indicators summarize important developments and trends using the latest statistics, which are updated throughout the year as new data become available. In addition, this website has Spotlight indicators that provide more in-depth analyses on selected topics. The Condition of Education is a congressionally mandated report that is provided to Congress each year

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- After about a year on hiatus, a public-private agency, created to bolster education in Columbus by helping its children, is back in operation

Delaware County Growth Heading North – Columbus Dispatch

- As homes and businesses continue their surge into southern Delaware County, plans for growth are creeping into the more northern townships

Columbus Retains Position as 14th-Largest City, For Now – Columbus Dispatch

- In Ohio, the numbers also show continued growth for central Ohio communities. Seven of the state's fastest-growing cities are in Franklin County or an adjoining county, and five of them are mostly within Franklin County

Census Bureau Reveals Fastest Growing Large Cities – U.S. Census Bureau

- Eight of the 15 cities or towns with the largest population gains were located in the South in 2017, with three of the top five in Texas, according to new population estimates released today by the U.S. Census Bureau
- Columbus is 8th overall and first in the Midwest

BEXLEY CITY SCHOOLS

Pickerington, Bexley, Gahanna-Jefferson District OK Union Contracts – Columbus Dispatch

- Within the past week, two local school districts, Pickerington and Bexley, have reached new agreements with their teachers unions, and a third, Gahanna-Jefferson, has amended its contracts with teachers and bus drivers for next year

CHILLICOTHE CITY SCHOOLS

After Investigation, Chillicothe Board Member Jeff Hartmus Cleared of Residency Questions – Chillicothe Gazette

- An investigation into a residency complaint of a Chillicothe City Schools board member determined he does live in the city

Chillicothe Board Acts to Encourage Some to Stay, Others to Go – Chillicothe Gazette

- Chillicothe City Schools' administrators will get a boost to their retirement coffers while longtime employees will be incentivized to retire next year after recent actions by the school board

COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOLS

Columbus School Board Hires Taft Firm as Counsel for New Superintendent Search – Columbus Dispatch

- The Columbus Board of Education took another step toward resuming its new superintendent search Tuesday evening, signing a contract with an independent outside legal counsel and agreeing to a framework for hiring a new search firm

DUBLIN CITY SCHOOLS

Continued Success for Class of 2018 a Good Bet – This Week From the Superintendent's Desk

- Todd Hoadley, superintendent of the Dublin City Schools, writes that the district's class of 2018 has almost 1,200 members who will participate in commencement ceremonies this weekend in the Schottenstein Center on the campus of The Ohio State University

FAIRBANKS LOCAL SCHOOLS

Fairbanks Adjusts Policy Regarding College Credit Courses – Marysville Journal-Tribune

- The Fairbanks Board of Education has a new policy on College Credit Plus (CCP) programs for the school district

GAHANNA-JEFFERSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Gahanna Teachers, Drivers OK One-Year Contracts – This Week

- Collective-bargaining agreements were approved by the Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education on May 17

Principal Dodd Leaving Gahanna Lincoln for Mason – This Week

- The Gahanna-Jefferson schools announced today, May 23, that Lincoln High School principal Bobby Dodd is resigning to take a position as principal of a large high school near Cincinnati

GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS CITY SCHOOLS

Group's Verdict on Grandview Heights School Facilities Plan Coming Soon – This Week

- The Grandview Heights City School District's financial advisory committee will present its initial findings May 29 on the funding, phasing and scope of a proposed facilities plan for the district

NEW ALBANY-PLAIN LOCAL SCHOOLS

Summer Repairs Exemplify Fiscal Progress, Sustainability – This Week Eagle Eye on Education

- Michael Sawyers, superintendent of the New Albany-Plain Local Schools, writes that they will have a short summer window to make necessary repairs and replacements on the New Albany-Plain Local School District campus in anticipation of the first day of school Aug. 16

OLENTANGY LOCAL SCHOOLS

Expansion Mulled for Elementary School Trio – This Week

- The Olentangy Local School District is running out of room for its youngest students -- and the school board could vote as soon as next month to spend millions on expanding existing elementary schools

OLSD in Need of Additional Classrooms – Delaware Gazette

- With 15 elementary schools already in the Olentangy Local School District, it appears that number will grow larger in the near future. The OLSD Board of Education met last week to discuss, among other things, the increasingly pressing need for more elementary classroom space

Olentangy Handbook Changes Clarify Penalties for Bullying – This Week

- The Olentangy Local School District is beefing up its bullying and harassment policies in response to student complaints

TOLLES CAREER & TECHNICAL CENTER

Tolles Teaching Real World Skills – Marysville Journal-Tribune

- The seniors of Tolles Career & Technical Center learned important life skills at the school's Real World Institute conference May 16

Getting Practical at Tolles' Real World Institute – Columbus Messenger

- Institute sessions ran the gamut from personal finance to laundry, providing seniors with information helpful to their transition from the classroom to the "real world"

WESTERVILLE CITY SCHOOLS

Marshall to Manage District Finances as Treasurer – This Week

- The district's school board approved legislation May 21 to hire Nicole Marshall, treasurer of Fairborn City School District, as treasurer effective July 1

Propane Helps Westerville's Buses Run Cleaner, Cheaper – This Week

- The Westerville City School District has received a grant to purchase 13 buses that run on alternative fuel

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Ohio Department of Education/State Board of Education

State Superintendent Presents on Philosophy behind School Improvement to JEOC – Hannah

- Giving schools the tools and framework to create their own success will always been more valuable than attempting to do it for them, Superintendent

of Public Instruction Paolo DeMaria told the Joint Education Oversight Committee (JEOC)

ODE Awards \$33 Million in Striving Readers Grants – ODE

- More than \$33 million was awarded today by the Ohio Department of Education to 46 school districts and consortiums of districts to improve the language and literacy development of our state's children. The list of grant awardees is available [here](#)

Dozens of Ohio Schools Split \$33M in Grants to Aid Literacy – AP/Kansas City Star

- Dozens of Ohio school districts and consortiums of districts will split \$33 million in federal grant money to improve literacy development

ODE Recognizes New Purple Star Schools – ODE

- State Superintendent of Public Instruction Paolo DeMaria announced 33 Ohio schools that received the Purple Star designation for their commitment to serving military-connected students and families

School-Based Healthcare Support Toolkit Offers Resources to Support School and Care Provider Partnerships – ODE

- Ohio launched the new School-Based Health Care Toolkit, a set of resources for schools and communities as they work together to address common health issues and keep students in class and learning

Annual Safety Plan Certification Reminder – ODE

- Schools must annually certify to the Ohio Department of Education that their safety plan documents are current and accurate. School and district administrators with compliant school safety plans, from 2017 and earlier, have until July 1 of each year to complete this annual review

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School Improvement – ODE

- State Superintendent Paolo DeMaria's presentation to JEOC

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Ohio Education & Public Policy

Election 2018 and ECOT: A Primer on the Scandal-Ridden Online Charter School and Why It Matters – Cincinnati Enquirer

- The Enquirer catches you up on the details of the beleaguered school and its political implications this November

Bill to Ease Reporting on Minorities for Ohio Charters, Other Small Schools – Columbus Dispatch

- Many of Ohio's smaller charter schools, and even a few traditional public schools, would not have to report on academic performance by small groups of students including racial minorities if a Senate-passed bill also gets through the House

House Committee Debates K-12 Deregulation, Report Card Overhaul – Hannah

- Two bills to modify state report cards, teacher evaluations and other education reforms enacted in the past several years came in for debate Tuesday in the House Education Committee

House Panel Amends Deregulation Bill; Distress Commission Moratorium Splits GOP – Hannah

- With lawmakers wanting more information and a cancelled floor session sapping urgency, the House Education Committee backed off plans Wednesday to vote on a broad school deregulation measure, though members did agree to several changes

Ohio School Deregulation Bill Gets Dozen Amendments, But No Vote – Dayton Daily News

- Wednesday's expected Ohio House vote on a bill supporters claim will reduce red-tape for local schools did not happen, as the House session was canceled amid Republicans' continuing struggle to choose a new Speaker of the House

Prospect of Democratic Measure Passing Leads to Sudden Adjournment by GOP Chair – Columbus Dispatch

- A wide-ranging educational policy bill ran into a sudden roadblock when minority Democrats were on the verge of getting an amendment approved that would end, for now, possible state takeover of low-performing districts

Kasich Support of A-F Grades Stalls Attempts to Kill or Delay Them for Schools, Districts – Cleveland Plain Dealer

- Gov. John Kasich's support of giving schools and school districts A-F grades has stalled progress on two attempts to delay some grades or to overhaul state report cards entirely

New Recommendations, Legislation Restart Conversation about School Bus Seat Belts – Columbus Dispatch

- For the first time, the NTSB recommended all new large school buses be equipped with lap and shoulder belts. Additionally, it recommended new buses have automatic emergency braking and electronic stability control

Schuring Cancels Sessions amid Uncertain Speaker Vote, Rosenberger FBI Raid; Smith Wants Vote Now – Hannah

- House Speaker Pro Tempore Kirk Schuring (R-Canton) said he cancelled this week's voting sessions because he didn't have "absolute assurances" that 50 Republicans would support Rep. Ryan Smith's (R-Gallipolis) speaker bid

Obhof Waves Off House Worries, Leads Senate through Unanimous Voting Session – Hannah

- Senate President Larry Obhof (R-Medina) led his chamber through a slate of legislation in unanimous fashion Wednesday. In comments following session, he sought to distance members from the House leadership crisis

Kunze Reintroduces Bill to Deal with Students Who Make Threats – Hannah

- Sen. Randy Gardner (R-Bowling Green) commented, following sponsor testimony by Sen. Stephanie Kunze (R-Hilliard) on her SB289 before the Senate Education Committee Wednesday, that it sounds like legislation he once sponsored premised on the idea that "no student has the right to interfere with another student's right to learn"

Kasich Signs Executive Order to Put Focus on Technology for Disabled Ohioans – Hannah

- Ohioans with disabilities who receive help from state programs will have a better chance at being matched up with technology to improve their quality of life under an executive order signed by Gov. John Kasich

Kasich Signs Executive Order to Put New Technologies to Work for Ohioans with Developmental Disabilities – Governor of Ohio

- Ohioans with developmental disabilities will now have the opportunity to improve their lives with the help of innovative supportive technologies thanks to the new "Technology First" initiative launched today by an executive order signed by Gov. John R. Kasich

Robot Joins Gov. John Kasich to Sign Executive Order Prioritizing Technology for People with Disabilities – Cleveland Plain Dealer

- Smart wheelchairs, speakers that can turn on lights and other technology will be considered as part of care plans for Ohioans with developmental disabilities under an executive order signed Thursday by Gov. John Kasich.

Drug Education Panel Works to Finalize How-To Report – Hannah

- The Joint Study Committee on Drug Use Prevention Education, a creation of legislative leaders and Attorney General Mike DeWine, reviewed Thursday a draft of its 2018 report, which will follow up on last year's report on key prevention strategies with suggestions for how schools can put those strategies into action.

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Ohio Postsecondary & Workforce Development

Credential Engine Partners with Kansas, Michigan, and Ohio to Increase Credential Transparency – ODHE

- Credential Engine announced today new partnerships with three states to bring credential transparency, develop credential literacy, improve alignment between credential offerings and outcomes, and inform state practices, programs, and policies by harnessing data that helps students, workers, and citizens make strategic credentialing decisions.

Ohio Joins Multi-State Partnership Promoting Credential Transparency – Hannah

- Ohio, along with Kansas and Michigan, has been chosen to join a new partnership centered on promoting transparency in occupational credentials, the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE) announced.

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Federal & US Department of Education

DeVos Defends Civil Rights Record, Backs Better Pay for 'Great Teachers' at House Hearing – EdWeek

- House Democrats and Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos sparred over civil rights, the Every Student Succeeds Act, and teachers' salaries at a hearing Tuesday, but lawmakers from both parties largely avoided

controversial questions about school safety in the aftermath of a Texas high school shooting last week that left 10 students and staff dead

Prepared Remarks by U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos to the House Education and the Workforce Committee - USDOE

Trump Panel Slammed on Slow Pace of School Safety Work – EdWeek

- Nearly three months—and six school shootings—since President Donald Trump created a commission to seek solutions to school violence, the Cabinet-level panel is being slammed for what critics see as its slack pace, lack of transparency, and limited representation

The Condition of Education 2018 – USDOE/IES/NCES

- This website contains key indicators on the condition of education in the United States at all levels, from prekindergarten through postsecondary, as well as labor force outcomes and international comparisons. The indicators summarize important developments and trends using the latest statistics, which are updated throughout the year as new data become available. In addition, this website has Spotlight indicators that provide more in-depth analyses on selected topics. The Condition of Education is a congressionally mandated report that is provided to Congress each year

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- States: Got an idea for supporting the transition for high school Career and Technical Education students into postsecondary education and the workforce? The U.S. Department of Education wants to hear from you

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Education Policy & Finance

Evidence Building Opportunities under ESSA: How States Can and Should Generate Evidence to Drive Better Outcomes for Students – Chiefs for Change/Results for America

- This report builds on the work Chiefs for Change has done to identify ways to leverage the evidence provisions in ESSA and use federal funds to support this approach. Specifically, the report offers guidance for state education agencies (SEAs) as they both use and build evidence to improve outcomes

Meaningful Engagement Under ESSA — Issue 2: A Handbook for Local Leaders on School Improvement – Opportunity Institute/CCSSO

- This new resource offers local leaders more detail about different school improvement strategies, as well as assessing need and aligning resources

with chosen priorities — and how to do so in collaboration with community stakeholder

States Are Raising the Bar for Their Students, New Report Shows, but Higher Standards Are Not Driving Higher Test Scores – The 74

- States are setting higher expectations for student academic performance, according to a new report in the journal Education Next. The authors find that proficiency standards on state tests have grown more stringent over the past few years, defying worries that they would be dumbed down as the federal government took a more detached approach to school accountability. But higher standards don't seem to have yielded higher performance

Have States Maintained High Expectations for Student Performance? – Education Next

- So, has the starting gun been fired on a race to the bottom? Have the bars for reaching academic proficiency fallen as many states have loosened their commitment to Common Core? And, is there any evidence that the states that have raised their proficiency bars since 2009 have seen greater growth in student learning? In a nutshell, the answers to these three questions are no, no, and, so far, none

Four-Day Weeks Bring Smiles in Rural Schools. But Will They Work in Big Cities? – NBC News

- Increasingly, school districts across the country are banking on the short week to save money and alleviate the worsening teacher shortage. Three-day weekends are a nice recruiting tool

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Standards & Assessments

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U.S. Ed. Dept. Warns Districts to Step Up Student Privacy Protections for SAT, ACT – EdWeek

- School districts that administer the SAT or ACT to all students are getting a bracing warning from the U.S. Department of Education: They must take steps to protect students' personal information, or risk running afoul of federal privacy laws

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Digital Convergence

How Districts Can Incorporate Open Educational Resources – EdWeek

- As students and teachers gain increased access to digital tools and interactive resources in the classroom, more schools have started using open educational resources

Data-Driven Instruction: Top Trend in K-12 Use of Ed-Tech, Teachers Say – EdWeek

- Educators' use of data to make decisions about instruction and intervention is rising dramatically in U.S. schools, according to an online survey of 1,516 teachers released today by Kahoot!

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Personalized Learning Frameworks

How One New Hampshire District is Leveraging Success Skills in a Competency-Based System – CompetencyWorks

- CompetencyWorks offers an in-depth look at how schools in New Hampshire are building success skills

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Extended Learning Opportunities

The Summer After Kindergarten: Children's Experiences by Socioeconomic Characteristics – USDOE/IES/NCES

- This Statistics in Brief describes students' summer nonparental care arrangements, program attendance (e.g., at summer camps or summer

school), participation in activities with family members in a typical week, and places visited with family members. Participation in summer activities is compared by two socioeconomic characteristics—household poverty status and parents' highest level of education—utilizing data from the Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Kindergarten Class of 2010–11 (ECLS-K:2011)

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School Safety & Discipline

School Shootings This Year: How Many and Where – EdWeek

- School shootings—terrifying to students, educators, parents, and communities—always reignite polarizing debates about gun rights and school safety. To bring context to these debates, Education Week journalists will track shootings on K-12 school property this year that result in firearm-related injuries or deaths

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Mental Health & Wellness

Study: Suicide Rates Higher among Black Kids under 13 – Columbus Dispatch

- Suicide rates among children under the age of 13 are twice as high for black children as their white counterparts, according to a new study by Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus

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Social-Emotional Learning

Putting the SEL into PBL – eSchool News

- Project-based learning (PBL) and social emotional learning (SEL) are a perfect match; here's why

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Career & Technical Education

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Postsecondary & Workforce Development

Report on Apprenticeships and Community Colleges – Inside Higher Ed

- A new report from the American Enterprise Institute explores how community colleges could contribute to expanding apprenticeship opportunities, by playing a "role that would contribute to resolving the current mismatch between what postsecondary institutions produce and what employers need"

Current Term Enrollment Estimates: Spring 2018 – National Student Clearinghouse Research Center

- In spring 2018, overall postsecondary enrollments decreased 1.3 percent from the previous spring

The Bad First Job's Lingering Impact – Inside Higher Ed

- New report finds that bachelor's degree recipients whose first job does not require degree are more likely to remain "underemployed" five years later -- and women fare worse than men

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Curriculum

How Districts Can Incorporate Open Educational Resources – EdWeek

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STEM/STEAM

STEM Education – EdWeek Special Report

- Government agencies, business groups, and policymakers continue to prioritize support for the the STEM fields. But K-12 educators note that these fields present many places where kids can get stuck—from weak instruction in the early grades to traditional calculus classes in high school and college. Even the end goal, improved employment outcomes, remains murky. In this

special report, Education Week takes a closer look at these STEM gateways, searching out ones that offer new avenues—like hands-on preparation for advanced manufacturing—and the efforts to break down longstanding barriers, like remedial algebra

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Ohio Legislation Update

(Recent bill action in RED. Signed into law by Governor in GREEN.)

HOUSE

HB3 DATAOHIO BOARD CREATION (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Christina Hagan) To create the DataOhio Board, to specify requirements for posting public records online, to require the Auditor of State to adopt rules regarding a uniform accounting system for public offices, to establish an online catalog of public data at

data.Ohio.gov, to establish the Local Government Information Exchange Grant Program, and to make appropriations

STATUS: House Finance Committee – Reported out

HB8 PUBLIC RECORDS-MINORS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To exempt from the Public Records Law certain information concerning a minor that is included in a record related to a traffic accident involving a school vehicle in which the minor was an occupant at the time of the accident

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Local Government, Public Safety & Veterans Affairs Committee – Reported out as amended; Passed by Senate, Vote 29-0

HB14 AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION (Rep. Kathleen Clyde) To require that eligible persons in certain government and school databases be automatically registered to vote or have their registrations updated automatically unless those persons decline and to expand how a voter may register or update their registration through the online voter registration system

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB21 COMMUNITY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION (Rep. Steve Hambley) Regarding verification of community school enrollments

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee – Reported out as amended; Passed by Senate, Vote 31-0

HB24 VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS-TAX EXEMPTION (Rep. Timothy Ginter) - To modify the existing tax exemption for veterans organizations' property, to make appropriations and otherwise provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs, and to declare an emergency

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately

HB37 SCHOOL SAFETY-STRUCTURES (Rep. Steve Arndt) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB40 GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE DATABASE (Rep. Jonathan Dever, Rep. Dave Greenspan) To require the Treasurer of State to establish the Ohio State Government Expenditure Database

Status: House State & Local Government Committee

HB47 STUDENTS IN MILITARY (Rep. John Boccieri) To enact the "Students to Soldiers Support Act (S3A)" regarding the participation of students who are serving in the uniformed services in extracurricular activities at public and nonpublic schools and public and private colleges

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB49OPERATING BUDGET (Rep. Ryan Smith) Creates FY 2018-2019 main operating budget

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective July 1, 2017

HB51DEPARTMENT REVIEW SCHEDULE (Rep. Keith Faber) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review

STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended

HB53PUBLIC EMPLOYEES-MEMBER DUES (Rep. John Becker) To remove any requirement under the Public Employees Collective Bargaining Law that public employees join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit public employers from requiring public employees to join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit an employee organization from being required to represent public employees who are not members of the employee organization, and to make an appropriation

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB58CURSIVE HANDWRITING INSTRUCTION (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Marilyn Slaby) To require instruction in cursive handwriting

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB66UNDERGRAD MISSION STUDY COMMITTEE (Rep. Ron Young) To require permanently tenured state university or college faculty members to teach at least three credit hours of undergraduate courses per semester

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee

HB69LEVY REVENUE REIMBURSEMENT (Rep. Bob Cupp) To require reimbursement of certain township fire and emergency medical service levy revenue forgone because of the creation of a municipal tax increment financing district

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective March 23, 2018

HB74INCREASE COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION (Rep. Stephen Huffman, Rep. Theresa Gavarone) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to the state's 529 college savings program from \$2,000 to \$3,000 per beneficiary per year

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB77SICK-CHILD CARE LICENSURE (Rep. Wes Retherford) To provide for the licensure of sick-child care centers

STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee

HB80SCHOOL FOOD-SUMMER INTERVENTION (Rep. Sarah LaTourette, Rep. Kent Smith) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

HB87COMMUNITY SCHOOL PUBLIC MONEYS (Rep. Kristina Roegner) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee

HB89AUGUST SALES TAX HOLIDAY (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB98CAREER INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Kristin Boggs) Regarding the presentation of career information to students

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective June 29, 2018

HB102 SCHOOL FUNDING REFORM (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To replace locally levied school district property taxes with a statewide property tax and require recipients of certain tax exemptions to reimburse the state for such levy revenue lost due to those exemptions; to increase the state sales and use tax rates and allocate additional revenue to state education purposes; to repeal school district income taxes; to require the Treasurer of State to issue general obligation bonds to refund certain school district debt obligations; to create a new system of funding schools where the state pays a specified amount per student that each student may use to attend the public or chartered nonpublic school of the student's choice, without the requirement of a local contribution; to eliminate the School Facilities Commission; to eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program, Pilot Project Scholarship Program, Autism Scholarship Program, and Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program; to eliminate interdistrict open enrollment; to require educational service centers to transport students on a countywide basis; and to permit school districts to enter into a memoranda of understanding for one district to manage another

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB103 FISCAL EMERGENCY PROVISIONS (Rep. William Reineke) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective October 17, 2017